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## SELECTIONS FOR FANLING.

Big Attendance Expected.

VERY GOOD PROGRAMME.

[By "Wombat"]

With such delightful weather as we are experiencing at present doubtless a big crowd will turn up to see the steeplechase meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club which will be decided at Kwanti racecourse tomorrow afternoon.

A well selected programme of seven events will be submitted consisting of steeplechases, hurdling and flat racing.

The Kempton Cup is the main item on the card for which there are 10 entries the best of which are Marquis Hall, Christmas Belle, Montana and Target. This should prove a very interesting race and should result in a win for Lady Peel's pony, Marquis Hall.

As You Like It does not seem to have retained his form of last year, otherwise he would be fancied for the second division of the Kempton Cup. We also have to go back some way for Movangher's best running but Duke of Milan and White Heather both have chances.

St. Moritz should be at home in the prevailing going, and I was so impressed with his showing at the Valley on the occasion he won his last race that I feel somewhat confident regarding the Hon. Mr. Gordon Mackie's chances of annexing the opening race on the programme.

MY SELECTIONS.

1st Race:—  
St. Moritz.  
Thunderclap.  
The Bustard.

2nd Race:—  
Duke of Milan.  
As You Like It.  
Movangher.

3rd Race:—  
Marquis Hall.  
Target.  
Christmas Belle.

4th Race:—  
Fernleaf.  
Hefty.  
Duke of Milan.

5th Race:—  
Cute.  
Herga.  
Over There.

6th Race:—  
Tom.  
Wonderful Stag.  
Young Pretender.

7th Race:—  
Brown Eyes.  
Ostris.  
Sunning.

## FIRE IN CITY.

Three-Storey Building Involved.

INMATES ESCAPE.

No. 63, Wellington Street, consisting of three storeys, and situated in an old block of buildings, near Wellington Road's intersection with Lyndhurst Terrace, was the scene of a fire which broke out at 2.54 o'clock this morning. By three o'clock, the blaze was got in hand by the Central Fire Brigade.

The whole building, the ground floor of which was a joss paper and cracker shop, was involved, but the inmates fortunately managed to escape, and nobody was injured. Part of No. 65, the ground floor of which was an electrical shop, was also burned.

Two hydrants were put into action, and the outbreak was finally subdued shortly after five o'clock. Extensive damage, the extent of which is at present unknown, was done.

## NATIONAL UNITY

A GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE.

FREE HAND

FOR DISSENTERS IN THE CABINET.

Rugby, Yesterday.

After a further two hours and a half meeting the Cabinet issued the following communiqué:—

"The Cabinet has had before it a report of its Committee on balance of trade and, after prolonged discussion, it has been found impossible to reach a unanimous conclusion on the Committee's recommendations.

"The Cabinet, however, is deeply impressed with the paramount importance of maintaining national unity in the presence of the grave problems that now confront this country and the whole world. It has, accordingly, determined that some modification of the usual Ministerial practice is required, and has decided that Ministers finding themselves unable to support the conclusions arrived at by a majority of their colleagues on the subject of import duties and cognate matters, are to be at liberty to express their views by speech and vote.

"The Cabinet being essentially united on all other matters of policy, it is believed that by this special provision it is best interpreting the will of the nation and the needs of the time.

Exceptional Interest.

Although the decision is not entirely without precedent it marks a striking departure from usual practice, and has created exceptional interest in political circles. It is understood that the Cabinet Committee which has been considering balance of trade questions comprised representatives of all three political parties, namely, Mr. Walter Runciman, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Sir John Simon, Sir Herbert Samuel, Lord Snowden, and Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister.

The Times states that the proposal which found most favour in Committee was one for the immediate imposition of a ten per cent. general tariff, with limited exceptions, accompanied by a proposal for the creation of a Committee empowered to make more detailed examination of imports and to schedule those which might be subjected to a higher rate of duty in later legislation.

The decision now reached will allow Ministers in disagreement with the majority on this issue freedom to express their views in Parliament. It is indicated that importance is attached to maintaining unity in face of the problems of overwhelming significance now before the world.

Satisfaction is expressed in Ministerial circles that the Constitution is sufficiently pliable to permit of a development whereby co-operation on all main issues can be maintained, while allowing this freedom in regard to the particular issue which, for the time being, is regarded as of less importance. — British Wireless Service.

## INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Sir Zulfikar Ali Khan and Mr. Chittamam have been added to the Indian personnel of the Committee about to begin work in India in connection of the discussions of the Round Table Conference. — British Wireless Service.

## RUNAWAY HELPS POLICEMAN.

Unusual Incident in London.

A PLUCKY DEED.

London, Yesterday.

The unusual incident of prosecuting counsel commending a prisoner in the West London Police Court was witnessed to-day when evidence was given of how a man fleeing from the Police returned in order to help an officer who was in danger.

The prisoner was found lurking on school premises when a policeman surprised him. He fled across the roof, but the pursuing constable fell through. He saved himself by grasping a beam. The prisoner returned and seized the policeman's belt, supporting him until help came. He then continued his flight. When arrested he was found to be badly wounded in the hand.

Special leniency was shown to the prisoner who had many previous convictions. He was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment. — Reuter's Special Service.

## A DISASTROUS ERUPTION.

Three Guatemalan Towns Destroyed.

OTHER PLACES MENACED.

New York, Yesterday.

A report from San Salvador says that at least three Guatemalan towns, Santa Lucia, Cotzumalhuapa, and Antigua are reported to have been destroyed by an eruption of the volcano Acatenango.

A number of other towns is covered with dense clouds of smoke and ashes. — Reuter's American Service.

## REVOLT IN SPAIN.

Exaggeration of Its Seriousness.

ADROIT MOVE.

Madrid, Yesterday.

Official allegations that a general revolutionary movement has been fixed for Monday are not much credited.

The opinion is expressed that the Government is exaggerating the seriousness of the situation with a view to obtaining general support prior to action against the Catholic Church and against the Jesuits. — Reuter.

## FORD "BABY" CARS.

Secret Shipment to Britain.

Detroit, Yesterday.

Mr. Henry Ford is entering the "baby" car market according to a Michigan newspaper which says that twelve baby Fords were secretly shipped to Britain.

They are under ten feet long, bumper width 55 inches, height 53 inches, with four a cylinder engine eleven inches long. — Reuter's American Service.

When Lord Hawke's team to New Zealand played XVIII of California on the Presidio Athletic Ground, San Francisco, on November 28, 1902, the ground was found to be so unsuited for cricket that each umpire was provided with a broom with which to sweep the ground after each over.

## FRENCH GESTURES

FOR EUROPEAN UNION.

LAVAL SPEAKS

NO DICTATION BY GERMANY.

Paris, Yesterday.

The "French Government will not allow any Treaties decreed by its predecessors to be proscribed," declared M. Laval in stating France's foreign policy to a packed Chamber this afternoon.

He said that France would only accept reductions of reparations as reductions were granted to her on war debts.

The reparations of the Young Plan could not be modified. All that could be done was to alleviate the charges by the moratorium. France had made many gestures of goodwill to facilitate a European union, but she would not accept that the will of Germany should alone dictate a solution.

The same rules of honesty as applied to the relations of men will be applied to international relations. (General cheers).

An agreement between Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and himself in regard to a future Reparations Conference was only a question of time.

Disarmament.

M. Laval said that French disarmament policy conformed to the League Covenant, but she would not accept improvisations that might compromise her security. France in the last decade had set an example in reduction of armaments, but she would go further and submit positive proposals for the realisation of political conditions of immediate mutual assistance.

The technical procedure of a reduction of armaments would then be easy to work out.

He concluded by appealing for a party truce and received an ovation.

Vote of Confidence.

The Chamber by 303 votes to 265 adopted a vote of confidence in the Government and rejected an Opposition motion submitted by M. Herriot.

Subsequently a direct vote of confidence was carried by 312 votes to 261. — Reuter.

## WORLD RECORD INCREASE.

Polish Population Figures.

Warsaw, Jan. 15.

A new world record for increase in population has been established by Poland according to the official returns of the last census published to-day. These figures give the total Polish population at 32,475,000, which represents an increase of 16.9 per cent. during the last decade. During the same period the population of Switzerland increased by 5.4 per cent., that of Great Britain by 5.4 per cent., and that of Czechoslovakia by 8 per cent. The United States with an increase of 16.1 per cent. comes rather close to Poland, but it is pointed out that this increase was chiefly due to immigration and is therefore no indication of the reproductive powers of the American people proper.

The population of Warsaw is given as 1,000,000 in addition to which the city of Lodz has 1,000,000 and the city of Poznan has 1,000,000.

## BRITAIN AND ARGENTINE.

Suggestion for Special Treatment.

DEPUTATION IN LONDON.

Rugby, Yesterday.

A deputation representing the principal financial and commercial interests directly connected with Argentina was received to-day by Mr. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade.

The deputation suggested that in view of the extensive British interests in the Argentine, special treatment should be accorded to encourage Anglo-Argentine trade after provision has been made for Imperial requirements.

The committee expressed belief that a plan under which the Argentine might continue to find a market in Britain would ensure reciprocal advantages from the Argentine Government.—British Wireless Service.

## LORD READING'S ILLNESS.

Slight Congestion of Lungs.

ACUTE BRONCHITIS.

Luxor, Yesterday.

A doctor and a nurse arrived from Cairo at 3 p.m. Lord Reading was examined and his illness diagnosed as influenza and bronchitis. Undoubtedly he is very ill and is believed likely to be a lengthy case.

The Anglo-American Hospital in Cairo is despatching a special messenger to Luxor to-night with medical supplies.

It was announced this evening that Lord Reading has acute bronchitis and slight congestion of the lungs. — Reuter.

## NEW BRITISH INVENTION.

Teleprinter Exchange Service.

AVAILABLE IN SPRING.

London, Yesterday.

A remarkable new British invention known as the "Teleprinter Exchange Service," was described by the Postmaster-General, Sir Kingsley Wood, in Birmingham.

He said that it would enable messages to be typewritten automatically between the offices of any two telephone subscribers who had teleprinter machines installed.

A typist in one office would type the message and it would be printed simultaneously on both machines. It was hoped that the service would be available in London in the Spring. — Reuter.

## SLAVERY IN LIBERIA.

Prelude to Drastic Action.

Washington, Yesterday.

As a prelude to the drastic action which may be taken by the Powers at the League Council in Geneva on Monday, to force Liberia to abolish slavery, the United States State Department has instructed its Minister in Liberia to refuse in future to recognise President Barclay-Randolph's American Service.

The American Minister in Liberia is expected to leave for the capital of the Republic on Monday.

## STABILISE CURRENCY

ANOTHER EXPERT'S VIEWS.

AN EXAMPLE

ALL ADVANTAGES OF GOLD STANDARD.

London, Yesterday.

A step toward world currency was suggested by Sir Basil Blackett in a speech in Brighton. He pointed out that a sterling form of international currency was used by a considerable portion of the world, including the British Empire, the South American and Scandinavian countries, Portugal, Egypt, and Japan, etc. If these countries could agree to co-operate in trying to maintain the stability and purchasing power of their local currency and the stability of their exchanges with each other, based on sterling, there would seem a possibility of setting the world an example of a currency system providing all the advantages of a gold standard. — Reuter.

## SENSATIONAL LIBEL CASE.

Herr Hitler Sued.

Berlin, Jan. 15.

Special precautions are taken by the Berlin police to guard against any incidents in connection with the appearance before the central court to-morrow of Herr Hitler, the National Socialist leader, in the role of defendant in a libel suit. The plaintiff in the action is Captain Stennes, the former chief of the National Socialist stormtroops in Berlin who, with a number of his personal followers, had left the National Socialist camp early last year, alleging corruption and inefficiency against the leaders of the movement.

Herr Hitler at that time retaliated by denouncing Captain Stennes as a traitor and charged him with having been in the pay of the police, a charge which so enraged the dissenter that he instructed his lawyers to lodge a charge of libel and defamation against his erstwhile chief. Attempts to bring about an amicable settlement failed, owing, it is believed, to the stubbornness of the captain who insisted upon a public retraction of the charges and upon a public apology by Herr Hitler. The case then came up for trial several times, but had always to be adjourned again owing to Herr Hitler's inability to appear before the court.

To-morrow's proceedings are awaited with keen anticipation in political quarters where it is expected that the meeting between Herr Hitler and Captain Stennes will not only produce some sensations, but throw light on certain aspects of the National Socialist movement. — Trans-Ocean Kuo Min.

## SHAVING BRUSHES.

The following regulation has been made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Importation and Exportation Ordinance, 1915 (Ordinance No. 22 of 1915):—

No person shall import for sale or distribution in the Colony any shaving brushes manufactured in Japan, unless such shaving brushes are accompanied by a certificate to the satisfaction of the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, that the brushes have been subjected to inspection and found to be free from any disease or infection.

## MOTOR CAR IN ACCIDENT.

Incident Near the V.R.C.

NOBODY INJURED.

A motor accident which, fortunately, did not result in any one being injured, occurred at the corner of Chater and Murray Roads just after 10 a.m. to-day.

How the accident occurred is not clear, but when a China Mail representative saw the cars, one a private car (No. 2428) which appeared to have come out of Chater Road, was standing across Murray Road with its front wheels just off the drain on the right hand side of the road. Against the right of this car was public vehicle No. 401. It was on the right hand side of Murray Road, facing the V.R.C.

The cars were flush against each other, and it was seen that the right front mudguard of the private car was buckled. The private car suffered more damage. Its bumper was lying on the ground in front of the car, and gasoline was dripping from its tank.

Sergeants Britain and Dall, of the Traffic Department of the Police, were on the scene soon after and superintended the removal of both cars into Chater Road, from which they were later removed.

It is understood that at the time of the collision neither car had any passenger.

## FEBRUARY

Moscow, Jan. 15.

February has been proclaimed as a "month of defence against gas and air attacks" which will be organized by the Moscow Soviet in conjunction with the local Red Army command. The elaborate preparations for the month include the distribution of over 200,000 gas masks amongst the workers in the city's industrial plants. In addition to this, over a million leaflets with special instructions to the populace will be distributed. Anti-aircraft guns will be counted all over the city, with special stress to be installed in all towers—Trans-Ocean Kuomin.

## APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. John Henry Burkill Lee to be Assistant Postmaster General, with effect from January 1. His Excellency the Governor has re-appointed, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, the Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock-Kill, K.C., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council for a further period of four years, with effect from January 17.

His Excellency the Governor has accepted the resignation of Captain Thomas Addis Martin, of his Commission in the Reserve of Officers of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from December 10.

## SOVIET VARSITY.

Moscow, Jan. 14.

"Far Eastern University" was opened last Monday at Vladivostok according to a report published by the press here. The opening ceremonies were attended by all that is prominent in the Maritime Provinces, including the chief of the special Far Eastern Army General Shchegolev. The new university will specialise in training experts in the expansion of the Far Eastern territory and the defence of the Maritime Provinces against foreign aggression. The university is to be a branch of the Far Eastern University in Moscow.









# The WOMAN'S Page



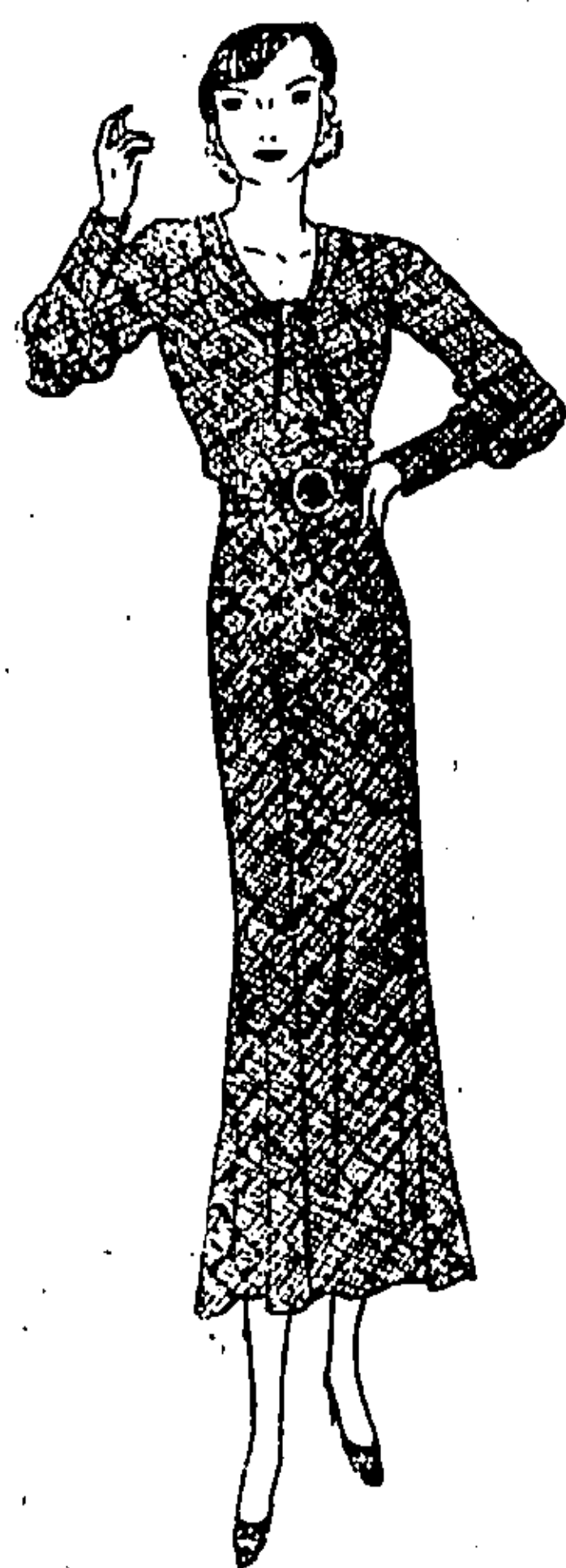
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JEWELLERY IN VOGUE.

### A Communist And The Pearls.

London, Dec. 16.  
It is rather sad to think that most of the big pieces comprising the Bavarian Crown Jewels, which are to be sold next week in London, will in all probability be broken up, as no woman nowadays, no matter how elaborate the function, cares about wearing massive ornaments.

When a young man, writes an *Edvardian* in the *Daily Telegraph*, I first went to the opera, in the last days of Queen Victoria, one of the amusements between the acts was not only to study the people in the boxes, but, above all, to inspect with one's glasses the jewels of the ladies, many of whom wore huge stomachers in diamonds and coronets that were almost crowns. The most noticeable of the latter belonged to the Princess Pless, the late Lady Londonderry, and Millicent Duchess of Sutherland. Lady Ripon, who always occupied the first-tier stage box, also wore magnificent jewels.

Gone are the days of this dazzling display—and gone, possibly, are the jewels of many. Fashions in Jewellery have completely changed. Many I see are artificial, such is the craze nowadays for wearing artificial ornaments.

It is interesting to notice how the design of jewellery, like everything else, follows the trend of fashion of the day. For instance, when it was the custom to wear high collars by day, women wore dog-collars of precious stones by night; both disappeared simultaneously. There was also a time when the most beautiful jewelled combs were worn, but as shingling came into vogue combs became unnecessary and impracticable.

In the days of high collars; and in order to prevent the rotundity of his tie looking foolish, a man was obliged to wear a pin—and the larger the tie the larger the pin! Since this highly decorative structure has disappeared and the mod-

### NIGHTGOWNS NOW COMING IN.

Seen In Satin Both  
Heavy And Light.

Beach pyjamas may be modes of yesterday, but it seems as though the taste for pyjamas to slumber in is on the wane too. In any event, nightgowns have assumed great importance. In the well-known lingerie houses, they are seen in satins, both heavy and light, in pale colours, or a dull ground and gay flower designs, with trimmings about the neck and shoulders. Perhaps a three-inch fluted frill is stitched to a round neck, an inch below the hem. Or a nightgown tucked at the waist is shapely and with brief epaulettes. Capes, quite deep affairs touching the elbows, are accompanied by high waists belted by satin ribbons in two colours.

est sailor knot has taken its place, no ornament is thought necessary by most people, though we Edwardians insist upon exercising our prerogative, albeit our pins are smaller than they used to be.

The fashion in wedding rings, too, has changed entirely. Five and thirty years ago it was considered essential for both parties to wear a massive gold ring as an outward and visible sign of domestic bliss—or otherwise. Then men largely gave up wearing them, and the size of women's rings was reduced. The conventional gold band has been replaced by a narrow hoop of platinum, or, in some cases, a circlet of precious stones.

It is only during the last year or two that artificial jewellery has attained the perfection which it now has. Many women who are known to have valuable necklaces of pearls never dream of taking them abroad, but have them copied by some well-known firm of artificial pearl-makers, and thereby save a considerable amount of insurance.

Not very long ago a friend of mine found herself on the fringe of a Communist meeting in Hyde Park. Exceedingly pretty and well-dressed, she was wearing a row of false pearls. Suddenly a man rudely shook his fist in her face and asked her what she meant by such a display of wealth. To his utter amazement and consternation she slipped them off her neck and calmly said: "Here, take them."



### WOMEN'S TRAINING.

#### For Professions On Skilled Employment.

Marjorie Lady Nunburnholme presided at a meeting of that excellent institution, the Loan Fund, that has helped over 500 women to train for some profession or skilled employment. Lady Nunburnholme explained that the Loan Fund started twenty-one years ago with a capital of £500; now has £8,000 at its disposal, and that the whole sum is always on loan. Al-

and it had helped the rather older, insufficiently equipped woman to take up a new career.

The speaker told of a clergyman's daughter, experienced only in parish work, who on her father's death had to earn her living and who after being trained as a governess secured an excellent place in a noble family abroad. "You cannot think," she said, "what a difference this help means to the rebellious, mutinous little girl without any prospects. I remember one such girl who protested that life was not fair. The loan fund helped her, and now she has a secretarial post in a big embassy in Eastern Europe, where she is learning several foreign languages."

"I know of a gentlewoman's club whose qualification is that your income must not exceed £50 a year. Imagine the monotony of a life so restricted. It is from that sort of thing that we want to save these girls by helping them to become thoroughly efficient. We want help now, in the form of small subscriptions or donations or by people holding small meetings for friends who do not know about the Loan Fund so that the news can be spread."

Lady Bryce, president of the Central Employment Bureau and Students' Careers Association, to which the Loan Fund belongs, said it was very interesting to see how the suggestions put before these young women threw an entirely new light on these problems and often made all the difference to their lives.

together the loans made, repaid, and lent again to other girls in training amount to £30,000.

Lord Winterton, giving his blessing to the enterprise, said that at present the economic position of the professional classes, and particularly of the women, was acute. He noted that the fund in many cases came to the help of parents who could not afford to give their daughters a professional training.

Mrs. G. K. Bell, wife of the Bishop of Chichester, said that in her early days it was enough if girls were educated for life. To-day they must be trained for a livelihood, and the ordinary professional man found it very difficult when every daughter must have an expensive training. The fund had helped many girls to complete a course already begun; it had come to the aid of girls bereft of their parents before training had begun.



### THE UNCRUSHABLE VELVET FROCK.

Evening Frocks That Are  
Delightful In Detail.

Fashion's programme includes evening frocks delightful in detail, and with many differences to distinguish them from yesterday's. Smart and particularly of this season is an uncrushable velvet frock in water green whose strapped back is attached to a high bodice front. Short sleeve styles are original, and so are curiously cut capes which form minute sleeves.

Other lovely gowns have embroideries below the hips mounting high at the back, and when narrow flounces are arranged in the same way one imagines a bustle though the effect is very slight.



### "RAIN PROOF."

Old light-weight silk waterproofs when quite past wearing, are sometimes still good in parts. If a sound piece about a foot square can be cut out, it may be used to cover a shopping-basket in wet weather. It should be stitched, with coloured string or raffia, half-way round the basket on the inside, about an inch below the edge. It is then always at hand when required, and at other times it just hangs down neatly inside the basket.

### TEAPOT LIDS.

The black, carved knobs on the lids of silver teapots sometimes crack from top to bottom, and, unless repaired at once, they may split right in half and drop off the little silver bolt that passes through the centre. As soon as a crack is noticed, the knob should be firmly bound with fine black thread. There is usually a circular groove in the knob, and if the thread is wound tightly round in the groove it is almost invisible.

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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

### FOOTBALL IN THE ARCTIC

#### LABRADOR'S HARDY FISHERMEN.

(By the Rev. Edwin Maley.)

When I read in The Daily Telegraph that Canada is said to be negotiating a ninety-nine years lease of 75,000,000 acres of Labrador, the news came as a gratifying reassurance. If the deal goes through a tract with vast potential wealth in forests, minerals, and water power will remain securely within the Empire. Nothing else could satisfy anyone who knows how many lives have been spent in making this a British territory and a source of strength to Newfoundland—the oldest, and in many ways the most English, of our Colonies.

Life is rigorous for the few inhabitants of Labrador, but as the land comes within the line of route projected for the world's air traffic it develops in importance as time goes on. We hear much of the fisheries of Newfoundland, but the greatest cod fishery in the world lies thirty miles off the island zone of Labrador. This, with the seal-fishing in the Spring, forms the main source of livelihood for the fishermen, who constitute the population to be considered. It is suggested that in any lease that may be granted the fishing industry will be specially exempted and retained for these brave fellows, and on this point there should be no shadow of doubt.

Sport on the Ice. When I first went there, as Minister of Pinchard's Mission, they were few in number and lived in scattered groups, with little or no recreation to lighten the continual load of work. I set myself to teach them football, and it took months to

get a standard ball out from England. As there was no level or suitable ground, we had to wait till the sea froze over, and as we had no goalposts or the chance of planting them, we used a couple of ice-bound schooners for the purpose.

We played in galligaskins and the usual fishermen's boots, and our style of play would hardly have answered to Association rules. Nevertheless, we enjoyed it hugely, and played robustly. I scored a goal with a rousing kick, but it was the most expensive goal I ever heard of. For the ball went flying over the schooner to leeward, and we chased it down the ice for over three miles, and all in vain. In the end it disappeared round a headland across the ice, and has probably perished after endless cruises around the North Pole.

That finished our game, and it was months before a second ball arrived from "home."

Fresh Cod. They call the cod "the Newfoundland's beefsteak." Those who have eaten it fresh from the water, even with the primitive treatment it usually gets in the way of cookery, would hardly recognise its affinity with the brine-soaked commodity so largely sold as cod in Europe. Another proof of the way in which it monopolises attention is that in trade, as in law, the generic name of "fish" is applied to cod and nothing else. In the early days of my mission work I recall a boat sailing by me once when I was crossing to Newfoundland, and, looking

### CLUB WIN THE SIM SHIELD AGAIN.

#### Army Defeat Navy by Narrow Margin.

By defeating the Royal Navy by a goal to nil in yesterday's Sim Shield match the Army made a present of the trophy to the Hong Kong Club, who are now in an impregnable position.

The Army well deserved their victory in a game which was far below Sim Shield standard. Williams was the pick of a very versatile forward line which was too inclined, however, to be caught playing the off-side game. Johnson scored the only goal as the result of a partial clearance of a shot from Williams.

In, I saw it full. I asked what luck and the owner said there was "not a single fish going."

I stared, and thought he was daft, but that was my ignorance. The cargo was of salmon only, and these were not looked upon as "fish" at all.

Naturally such fare grows monotonous, and any change is welcome. I remember a time when an American vessel foundered, and a cargo of cheese floated ashore. We got cheese, cheese, cheese at every house one called at for the next eighteen months, and grew tired of it, but we were sorry after it was finished. What with such plain, unvaried food, and the terrible storms that visit those waters, you may imagine what the life was when the fishers used to take their wives and families along with them, and never put back to shore for weeks. This has since been stopped, and the men have built themselves log and other huts—usually with trees they have had to fell themselves and ship for many miles.

## MAKING GOLF EASIER PRACTICE WITH FEW CLUBS

(By Harry Vardon.)

Somebody remarked the other day that it is no doubt evidence of wisdom for champion golfers to be always telling their humbler brethren that the way to improve is to practise in solitude three or four times a week for half-hours or even whole hours. But, he protested, life is too short, and the ritual of practising is too burdensome in its loneliness, for the average mortal to carry out this policy of making perfect with every club in the bag. He suggested that the best plan would be to select the three clubs that are needed most frequently in a round of the course, and to concentrate on them for the average mortal to carry out this policy of making perfect with every club in the bag. He suggested that the best plan would be to select the three clubs that are needed most frequently in a round of the course, and to concentrate on them for the purpose of advancement. And which are the three?

If we rule out the putter as a necessary nuisance that insist upon being used about twice at every hole, without ever quite satisfying the player of its good intentions, probably the answer is to be found in the driver, the mid-iron, and the mashie-niblick. These three constitute something of a trinity, designed to enable struggling humanity to reach the putting green expeditiously without aid from the various other clubs which every body likes to include in his equipment.

Fashion. It would be rather interesting to watch a score-play tournament among first-class golfers in which every competitor's armament was limited to the driver, the mid-iron, the mashie-niblick, and that inevitable trike, the putter. Probably the scores would be almost as good as if no restriction had been applied to the outfit, and they might conceivably be better.

It is plain to anybody who makes the annual round of his golf course that even the best golfers are sometimes in a quandary as to which club to choose from a dozen or more for a certain type of shot. The question of selecting all the clubs that the green with three clubs—driver, mid-iron, and mashie-niblick—can do is a question of degree that will

this element of hesitation and consequent confusion.

It is one of the little afflictions of the golfing community to demand a well-filled bag of clubs. It is a fashion that has grown up with the game in England, writes Harry Vardon in The Sports Dispatch. It had no particular vogue in the earlier days of golf in Scotland, and until comparatively recent times there were hard-headed Scots of the front rank who counted four or five clubs an ample equipment for the most important occasion.

There are, indeed, some first-class players to-day who accomplish virtually all their shots with an equally limited range of implements, although they carry a considerably larger number—possibly because an attenuated kit is regarded in these times as a sign that the owner need not be taken very seriously.

Major C. O. Hazlet and Edward Ray are examples. The driver, the mid-iron, the mashie-niblick, and the putter, produce nearly all the effects where these two players are concerned, in spite of the fact that they have plenty more clubs at hand.

And if the average golfer is not so restricted in his choice, he probably plays the majority of his best holes with the clubs mentioned. That is because they are adapted more than any others to the ordinary requirements of the game. The driver stimulates a measure of hope and expectancy that makes it the most joyous of all to swing, whatever the result it produces. The mid-iron is a universal favourite, because the depth and loft of the blade encourage the firm faith that it will lift the ball cleanly and send it as far as mortal could desire of such a club.

The mashie-niblick has robbed approaching of half the difficulties that it presented when its progenitor, the mashie, had to serve for every length of short pitch up to the hole. And the putter remains as in the beginning—often a source of exasperation, but still an essential for finishing off the hole.

Amateur Old Friends. This question of selecting all the clubs that the green with three clubs—driver, mid-iron, and mashie-niblick—can do is a question of degree that will

principles of striking the ball accurately could be summed up in the three ancient aphorisms:—"Slow back," "Hit with the left hand," and "Follow through."

It must be confessed that for a long while these maxims have dropped and hidden their diminished heads before the widespread advance of new methods. Quick-up-swings have been a feature of the ways of the younger generation; there has been a tendency to establish the right hand and the right side of the body as controlling factors; and an even more pronounced disposition to check the club-head quickly after the impact, as though the follow-through had been proved useless and played out.

It has needed the loss of both the amateur and open championships of Britain to make people wonder whether new faiths are good faiths. Now there are indications of a rallying to the old ones.

It has been remarked that the Americans, instead of adopting the modern British system of hitting at the ball and stopping the club, swing the club-head through the position occupied by the ball, after the manner of the old-time players. The hit may produce a little extra length (or seems to do so because it is so strenuous), but it certainly does not promote the same accuracy of direction as the swing pure and simple.

This view has an ardent supporter in Bobby Jones, who says that although he never had a lesson, he learnt to play golf from the age of five onwards by watching Stewart Maiden, who had then just been appointed professional to the Atlanta Club, in Georgia.

"Stewart Maiden," declares Jones, "had the finest and soundest style I have ever seen. Naturally, I did not know this at the time, but I grew up swinging like him." Maiden was a true type of the old-fashioned Scottish professional, with that freedom and fluency of swing which always marked the "famous" until it comparatively recent years. It developed the way of hitting at the ball and finishing with the club pointing straight ahead, instead of following through as smoothly as in the swing of the modern player, the level of the left foot.

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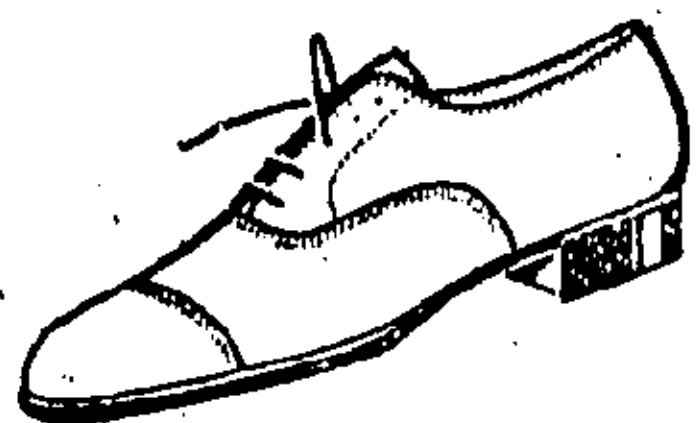
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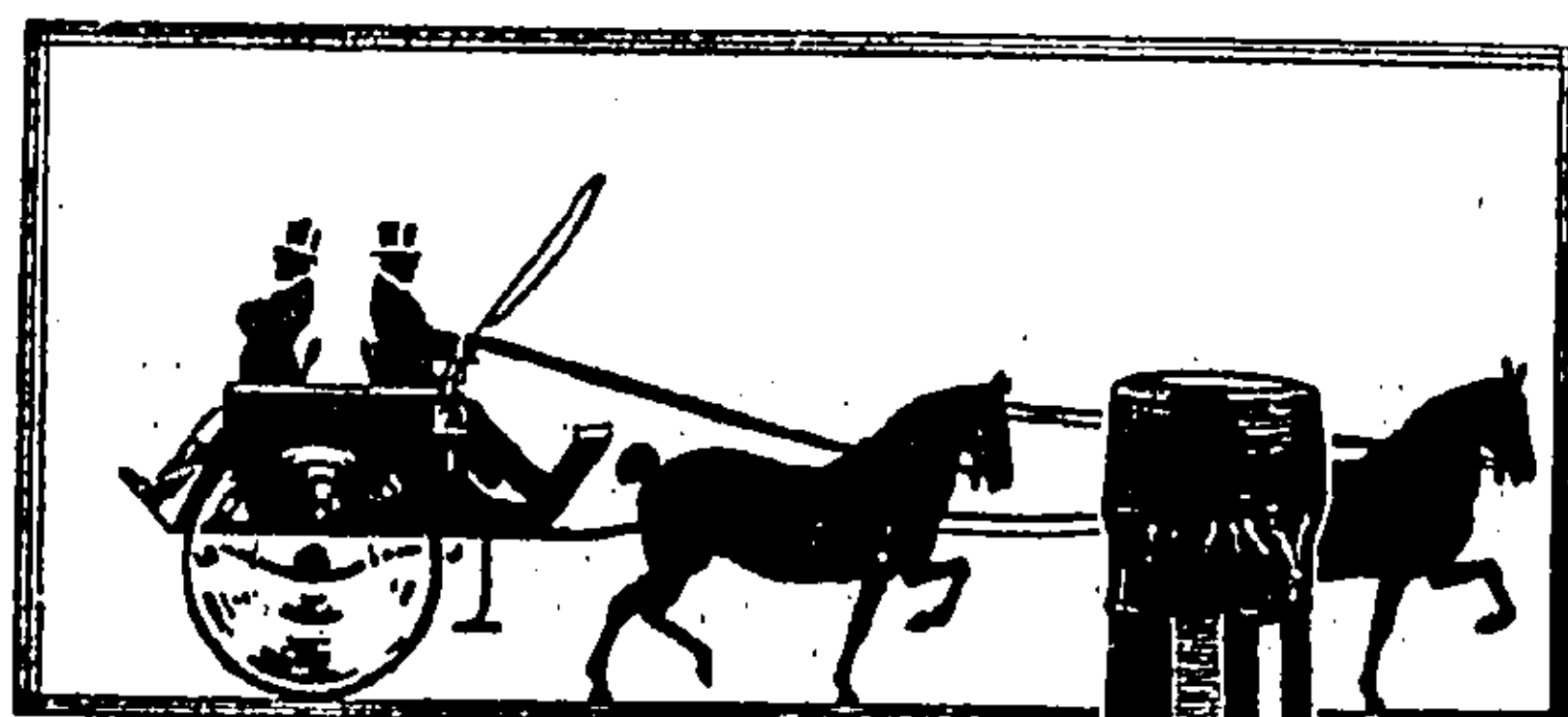
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## TO-DAY'S SPORTING ACTIVITIES

### CRICKET.

League I.  
Indian R.C. v. Craigengower  
Friendly.  
Civil Service v. Royal Artillery  
League II.  
Craigengower v. Indian R.C.  
Kowloon C.C. v. Recreio  
University v. Police R.C.  
Sunday's Games.  
Royal Navy v. Kowloon C.C.  
A.C. Beck's XI v. Civil Service

Probable Teams.  
Civil Service C.C. (League):—  
B. D. Evans (captain), J. E. Richardson, G. R. Sayer, F. J. de Rome, E. B. Reed, F. J. Ling, F. Baker, R. M. Wood, J. Barrow, E. W. Hamilton and J. F. McGowan.

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI:—  
B. C. K. Hawkins (captain), A. E. Wood, J. M. Wilson, S. Randle, N. Bobbington, A. W. Grimmett, F. Matthews, R. H. Woodman, J. F. Wilmott, R. G. Robertson, and R. A. J. Simpson.

I.R.C. II:—  
M. R. Abbas (captain), A. R. Abbas, F. M. el Arculli, H. T. Barma, A. K. Ismail, S. Ismail, M. P. Madar, K. Nazarin, A. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Suffad and A. S. Suffad.

Recreio:—  
H. M. Xavier, A. Prata, H. A. Alves, A. P. Pereira, F. J. Remedios, L. J. Guterres, Dr. A. P. Guterres, G. A. Guterres, L. J. Silva, H. A. Barros and F. H. Carvalho.

Reserve: J. H. Figueiredo.  
University:—  
P. L. Tan, G. S. Scully, G. E. Yeoh, K. P. Gan, A. A. Aziz, D. Roy, R. E. G. Leong, C. E. R. Clarabut, M. M. Yababho, D. Hunt, and B. K. Ng.

Reserves:—W. K. Choa, H. Ozorio, A. C. Beck, W. D. Foley, S. V. Gittins, F. S. W. Smith, L. D. Kibbee, F. K. Lee, R. Lee, L. Whipple, F. A. Elliott, R. R. Davies and J. M. Sunley.

Civil Service C.C.:—  
J. E. Richardson (captain), R. M. Wood, J. F. McGowan, B. C. K. Hawkins, N. Bobbington, R. S. W. Paterson, R. H. Gittins, R. A. J. Simpson, J. M. Wilson, F. Matthews and C. H. G. Bradley.

### LADIES' HOCKEY.

Caer Clark Cup.  
H.K.L.H.C. v. C.B.A.L.H.C.  
H.K.:—  
M. Bird, E. M. Gray, J. Smalley, E. Ross, B. Pope, C. Ferguson, A. McElney, M. Allan Jones, E. Bonnar, A. G. Orme and E. Blackburn.

C.B.A.:—  
M. Gardiner, A. Fowler, D. Tipler, G. MacNider, M. Groundwater, S. Warren, O. Dalziel, D. Hunt, B. Walker, P. Hunt and M. Martin.

St. Andrew's v. Recreio.  
St. Andrews:—  
A. Hynes, I. Rogers, G. White, I. Woolley, M. White, E. Landolt, M. Chan, M. Churn, P. Gittins, M. Woolley, N. Field.

Recreio:—  
B. Remedios, C. Osmund, E. Rosario, H. Gutierrez, M. Alves, E. Xavier, M. Remedios, A. Alves, C. Silva, C. Botelho, T. Noronha.

H.K.L.H.C. II v. R.A.O.C.  
H.K.:—  
M. King, N. Ferguson, A. Nichol, E. O'Hagan, A. Owen-Hughes, B. Franklin, R. King, J. Whyte, P. M. Harrop, M. Smalley and H. Knill.

Sunday's Game: Mamak Shield.  
Incognitos v. Radio on Marina Ground at 11 a.m.  
Incognitos:—  
H. Barros, F. Silva, A. Rodrigues, R. Silva-Netto, W. Reed, N. Beltrao, F. Remedios, C. Barros, E. V. Reed, R. C. Reed and F. Barros.

Reserves: J. A. de V. Soares and A. P. Eca da Silva.  
Radio Sports:—  
A. Spary, P. Singh, J. S. Grewal, A. E. P. Guest, Atma Singh, Mohinder Singh, M. H. Hassan, Gurbachan Singh, J. T. K. Gilchrist, Kalwant Singh and F. A. Kemp.

Reserves: Surjin Singh and Attar Singh.

### FOOTBALL.

Interport Trial XI v. Rest.  
G. Rodger, Martin, Strang, Skinner, McKelvie, Ellis, B. Gosano, Davies, Shepherd, D. Leonard and Hughes.  
Reserves: Mullane, Hay and Howe.

Second Division.  
Argylls v. University  
R.A.O.C. v. Navy  
Club v. Twelfth Batty.  
Borderers v. Kowloon

### Probable Teams.

Club:—  
Fogwill, Railton, Sloan, Hooper, Puncheon, Tavlin, Smith, Duncan, Reid, Folley, and Fowler.

Reserves: Krilovsky and Potouloff.  
Kowloon:—  
Fowler, Wells, G. White, Everest, Whitfield, Blake, Rous-sian, Nicholls, J. White, Gilchrist and Phillips.

Reserves: Greenberg and Noonan.  
Chinese League.  
Sung Ching v. Athletic "B"  
S. China "A" v. Eastern  
Yee Woo v. Athletic "A"

### ATHLETICS.

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Sixth Annual Athletic Meeting at the Club de Recreio.

### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Interport XV. v. Rest at Happy Valley at 4 p.m.  
Rest:—  
Lt. Gosling (Navy); Lt. Keith Murray (Argylls); Lt. Stevenson (Argylls); G. A. L. Plummer (Club); Pte. Lewis (Borderers); A. F. Jenkins (Club); Lt. Charsley (Navy); Lt. Comdr. Crick (Navy); Lt. Robertson (Navy); Cpl. Souter (Borderers); A. B. Deykin (Navy); E. R. A. Dougett (Navy); Lt. Crewe-Road (Borderers); F. R. Burch (Club); Lt. Hubback (Navy).

Interport XV:—  
W. H. B. Rigg, G. P. Lammert, R. H. Griffiths, L. G. Robertson, C. J. D. Law, M. W. Turner, J. A. R. Selby, F. R. Burch, W. E. Peers, G. C. Moutrie, R. I. Cherrill, F. M. Hartley, P. Watkinson, D. McLellan and L. B. Smith.

### GOLF STARTING TIMES.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanning to-morrow:—

New Course.  
9.28 a.m. W. M. Barton, Miss Mackie.  
9.36 " G. T. May, F. M. Hartley.  
9.44 " J. Gardner, N. S. Ellis.  
9.52 " Mrs. Sherry, W. A. Weight.  
10.00 " A. Ritchie, J. Fleming.  
10.08 " Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Redmond.

10.48 " Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews, Mrs. Matthews.  
10.56 " B. J. Kilgus, Miss Gordon.  
Old Course.  
9.16-9.20 a.m.—Not to be booked by those travelling by 8.25 a.m. Train.

9.24 a.m. W. C. Shields, J. H. Anderson.  
9.28 " E. O. Priestley, C. W. F. Booker.  
9.32 " R. C. Webb, G. C. Worrall.  
9.36 " F. A. Redmond, A. B. Stewart.

9.40 " I. W. Shewan, C. Mydock.  
9.44 " J. S. Dykes, H. Lowe.  
9.48 " W. Mulesahy, L. R. Anderson.  
9.52 " F. Syme Thomson, J. R. Hinton.

9.56 " W. D. Denham, S. J. H. Fox.  
10.00 " R. M. Henderson, G. E. R. Divett.  
10.04 " A. W. Hay Edie, H. M. Muir.  
10.08 " M. N. Cochrane, E. des Voeux.  
10.12 " G. Thomerson, H. W. Dullely.  
10.16 " G. A. Leiper, J. C. Dunbar.

### LORD'S DURING THE WINTER

#### "BILLIARD TABLE GLOSS OF THE PITCH HAD VANISHED."

"Yes, sir," said Mr. Gaby, an assistant groundsman, "if I can last this year I will have done my sixty years at Lord's."

We stood, Mr. Gaby and I, in the "gentlemen's long room" in the empty pavilion, writes a Daily Express correspondent. A bust of Lord Harris looked solemnly upon us, at the dust-covered floor, the rows of empty chairs and beyond, through the sooted windows, at the deserted expanse of the cricket field.

Lord's in the winter time! Desolate, abandoned, a great green oasis of solitude, walled like a monastery against the intrusion of the rumbling world outside.

Mr. Gaby looking wistfully back into sixty years of cricket history, was guiding me through the inner shrine of this temple of English sport.

"I started here when I was fourteen," he said, "and I'm high on seventy-four now."

In the Sanctum.  
We passed through the luncheon room—a great long saloon flanked by a counter heaped high with chairs—and peered into the sanctum of the committee room.

There was no dust here—just emptiness.

"I remember," Mr. Gaby continued, "when Dr. Grace drove the ball clear outside the grounds and across the road into the hotel that was there."

We went outside now and strolled along a lonely walk. My guide was silent and we picked our way past a forest of benches stored out of reach of the weather, over a great tiered expanse of speckled concrete, and through ghostly echoing corridors.

"Things have changed since those days," said my guide. "You can't get a good batsman and a bowler in one man like you used to."

"Except for the Test matches, the Eton and Harrow match is the only big draw now," he added.

We passed two men who were cutting the turf on the practice field, and paused before an opening to look across at the iron railings and green doors of the red-brick pavilion. The verandahs were bare; the flagstaffs looked naked.

The field before us was scattered with dressing, and the grass was long and heavy. The billiard-

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Plague.  
Bagdad: 2 cases.  
Rangoon: 1 case.  
Colombo: 1 case, 1 death.  
Sourabaya: 1 case, 1 death.  
Bangkok: 1 case, 1 death.  
Cholera.  
Calcutta: 25 cases, 13 deaths.  
Chittajong: 1 death.  
Bangkok: 1 case.

Small-Pox.  
Bagdad: 5 cases, 9 deaths.  
Bombay: 3 cases.  
Calcutta: 7 cases, 3 deaths.  
Karachi: 2 cases, 2 deaths.  
Madras: 2 cases.  
Moulmein: 1 case.  
Rangoon: 15 cases, 7 deaths.  
Saigon: 23 cases, 14 deaths.  
Amoy: 37 cases, 14 deaths.  
Canton: 3 cases.  
Shanghai: 43 cases, 11 deaths.

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Holy Communion (Peak Church), 8 a.m.  
Children's Service, 10 a.m.  
Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.  
Preacher: The Very Rev. The Dean.  
Evensong, 6 p.m.  
Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.  
Social Evening in Cathedral Hall after Evensong.  
Protestant Cemetery Chapel.  
5.15 p.m., Evensong and Address.

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Sunday, January 24, 1932.  
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table gloss of the pitch had vanished.

"We don't do much here until March," Mr. Gaby explained, returning to the present. "Then we start rolling, cutting, and maybe do some returning."

I do not suppose I saw six people during our rambling tour of the cricketless cricket ground. Yet I was assured that there were forty people at work somewhere in the place.

The "Old Home."  
I felt like a man returning to the scene of his youth—guided through the dead avenues of exciting memories by the oldest inhabitant. The "old home" looked familiar—but it was not the same.

A watchman in a soft felt hat, who has a dignified air of astonishment for any one who calls these days, presides at the half-open green gates. When my visit ended he attended, with a restrained touch of curiosity, at the parting of Mr. Gaby and myself.

I seemed to hear the murmur of applause dwindling away into the mists of more than half a century—the faint "smack of leather on willow"—a chorus of voices calling from a great distance, "Well played, sir!"

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### The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Saturday, Jan. 23, 1932.

#### London's Dominance.

A phenomenon of the present day which can hardly be overlooked by anybody who studies a variety of Home newspapers representing opinion in different parts of the country is the attempt to resist the tendency to centralisation. Optimists appear to think it may succeed — or presumably they would not spend their energies upon it! but to the on-looker the contest is reminiscent of that between Mrs. Partington, armed with her mop, and the rising tide. Britain is an island, and its centre of gravity, decided chiefly by geography, is in the South.

The poet who addressed the ocean as "thou mighty monster" might well have kept the epithet for the Empire's capital. It is a monster as fascinating as it is insatiable and eueptic, as ruthless as it is greedy. Outside its swollen boundaries lie the disregarded provinces; their activities, like their protests and defiance, mean nothing to it. All roads to celebrity lead thither; it is the fount of that notoriety which passes for fame and which crowds the newspaper pantheons with "immortals" renewed every year or two.

Literature, music, painting, sculpture must please London before they are "successful," before they are talked about where talk has echoes. It is easy to sneer at this kind of success, but a study of the old, little-known works of art in any branch suggests the thought that only for lack of a "claque" have some of them failed to hold their own with luckier productions counted as "classics."

Does anybody suppose that all the books remembered are better than all those forgotten? Perhaps something in the method of the school text-books of English literature are responsible for the fact that we are turned loose upon the world with some strangely ingenious ideas on the matter.

The tyranny of London's opinion is explained by some as

the result of the vastness of her population, but this is surely nonsense, for the bunch which counts is not really large. That London is the seat of government and finance seems as unlikely a reason. How humiliating if we must be driven to the conclusion that London's position as a cosmopolitan social centre gives her the power of life and death over intellectual and artistic productions.

Will the desperate effort to disseminate the limelight and the glittering prizes, financial and of other kinds, ever have much effect. It is difficult to believe that they will — unless as a result of some unimaginable natural as well as social upheaval. If London were razed to the ground to-morrow, some instinct (perhaps superior to any reason) would set us rebuilding it on the same site, and as it grew again its magnetism would be renewed.

What a good thing it is that happiness is not dependent on success! Philosophy alone can defy the tyranny of the world's biggest city.

#### From Other Pens.

Nine of Diamonds.  
Most, if not all, card players are aware that the nine of diamonds is known as the "curse of Scotland." But how many are acquainted with the origin of the title? The story to which most credence has hitherto been attached is that the Duke of Cumberland, the notorious "Butcher Duke" wrote his order for the massacre after Culloden on the back of the nine of diamonds. This version has now been challenged.

The card apparently received its name from the far more terrible massacre of Glencoe. A descendant of one of the Campbells concerned at Glencoe, avers that the officer in command, at Edinburgh delegated the fateful work to a junior officer, who not unnaturally insisted on a written order. Thereupon, his senior, who chanced to be playing cards at the time, took one from the pack and wrote the fateful order upon it. It chanced to be the nine of diamonds. The interesting thing about this version is that the challenger possesses not only the tale at which the atrocious order was written, but the very pack of cards. There are only fifty-one cards in this pack, the missing one being the "curse of Scotland."

"Fishing Gazette."  
A Private Hobby.  
Hobbies often are the law of life or reason. But there is some-

thing in the method of the American millionaire who has been in the habit of driving regularly to a railway siding and throwing a brick through a carriage window.

Wherever there are railways there are stories of people who pull communication cords and offer the alarmed guard whatever is the local equivalent of \$5. Our millionaire sought a cheaper satisfaction. Yet he is a sympathetic figure.

Many a worthy citizen has stood before the Crystal Palace with itching hands. The instinct goes deep. We talk of a "smashing success," but of "a complete failure." If it were not that most men take care to provide themselves with a private Aunt Sally it would be indeed a dangerous world.—M. S. in the Daily Telegraph.

#### News in Brief.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Pakhoi on account of small-pox.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 60 degrees. The humidity fell from 71 at 10 a.m. to 61 at 4 p.m.

An inquiry into the cause of a disastrous fire at 134, Bonham Strand on January 12 was commenced by Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday and adjourned for the Magistrate to visit the scene of the fire.

It is notified that at the expiration of three months from date the Kwong Hing Company, Limited and the Liang Kwong Motor Bus Company Limited, will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the Registrar of Companies and be dissolved.

The First Speech Day of Hwa Nan College will be held in the Shing Theatre, on Saturday, January 30, at 3 p.m., and that Mr. R. K. M. Simpson, Professor of English at the University of Hong Kong has kindly consented to distribute the prizes.

Tribute to the bravery of a Scoutmaster was paid at the inquiry into the tragic fire at No. 188 Shanghai Street, Yaumati, on the evening of January 9 which was held at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with Mr. Fraser, as Coroner. After evidence the jury returned a verdict of accidental death, a woman having admitted that in lighting a cigarette she set fire to some cotton.

Judgment for plaintiff for \$20.62 with costs, was yesterday given by the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice K. E. Lindell), in the Summary Court, in a case in which the Yuen Yuen firm, of 44, Tung Chau Street, Shamshuipo, brought an action against Hang Sang Leong Kee firm, Chan Hok-kam, and Chu Shuk-choi, all of 128, Connaught Road West. The plaintiffs' claim was for bean cakes sold and delivered to the defendants.

### SHEPHERD MARKET—

#### A Noted Mayfair Spot to Disappear?

Shepherd Market, that famous little backwater in the heart of Mayfair, is in danger of destruction. It lies a few yards from Piccadilly, in the angle formed by Half Moon Street and Curzon Street. That part bounded by Shepherd Street and Hertford Street already has been cleared of its old shops and houses, and when during the next few years the other leases fall in the market may disappear.

It was founded in 1703, and today is one of the most interesting corners of Mayfair. No actual market is now held; but there remains a miniature village, with an old-world atmosphere and charm that is now rarely to be found.

To Build Tudor Village?  
The shops are of the old-fashioned type and cater for almost every need, from dress shirts for men, servants, to superb fruit and flowers. The cleared site mentioned above has been sold, and it is believed in the market that flats are shortly to be erected there.

An idea has been conceived of rebuilding the entire site eventually as a Tudor village. This, however, cannot materialise for four or five years, until the leases expire. The tradesmen view the prospect sadly, but not more so than many others who know the fascination of this interesting fragment of old Mayfair.

### REVOLVERS ON OFFICE DESKS.

#### How Europeans Work in Bengal.

In an office in the very centre of Calcutta's business quarter callers will find Mr. E. Villiers, the President of the European Association, now almost recovered from the wounds he received during the recent attempt to assassinate him. A loaded and cocked automatic lies near his right hand and facing him is a target bearing witness to the results of recent practice.

The door, says the Calcutta correspondent of "The Pioneer," has been specially constructed, so that in his office at least he cannot again be caught unawares and in the vicinity are well-armed guards in mufti, though the passer-by will not be able to detect them.

He is guarded wherever he goes and the automatic is always near his right hand. Such precautions seem almost incredible, but they are very necessary, for—apart from whatever information the police may have—Mr. Villiers this week has received several more letters to warn him that his life is in danger, and a member of his staff has been accosted by young men seeking to learn precise details of his movements.

And it is not only the President of the European Association who is in danger. Certain clubs and offices are under constant armed guard and special armed police are patrolling everywhere; certain prominent Britons are never allowed to go unguarded and they are personally armed. Dacca is very little different and until recently at Chittagong automobiles on tables at meals were far from uncommon.

These are not panic measures but precautions based upon definite information of danger.

### CROC-PROOF BATH

#### Clever Innovation at Livingstone.

Since the disastrous occurrence in the old (so-called) "croc-proof" swimming pool at the Zambesi boat club a year or so ago—when a boy of tender years was taken by a crocodile—Livingstone has awakened to the fact that a real swimming bath is necessary.

At last a very fine bath, which is really croc-proof, has been built. The Mayor, Mr. C. Knight, is responsible for the idea. The bath lies floating on the Zambesi, held in place by two enormous chains and pulleys from staves of iron driven deeply into the ground. It is entirely constructed of 6 in. lathes of native timber cut by the Zambesi Saw Mills in local forest. It is the regulation size and has a shallow and deep end, diving boards, steps and water polo goal posts like any ordinary bath, says Reuter.

The bath has taken two to three months to construct. It was made on land in 10 sections—each section having to be rivetted together, which was done by two white men, who had to go under in the most antediluvian divers' suits.

### LAWYER BOXES HIS CLIENT'S EARS.

A client who was defended by one of the best-known lawyers in Czechoslovakia lost the case which he had brought and when the verdict was given he spoke to his lawyer.

The lawyer replied by boxing his client's ears vigorously.

A minute later lawyer and client were having a free fight in court.

### SHADOWS BEFORE

#### COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

##### Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at King's Restaurant, and Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

To-day—Burns Dinner, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Tea Dances at Repulse Bay Hotel and King's Restaurant.

##### Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Hush Money."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Five and Ten."

To-day—Central Theatre; "Lascia di Rio Grande."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "An American Tragedy."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Dynamite."

##### Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from America (Empress of Canada and President Monroe).

##### Lammerts' Auction.

Monday—At Sales Room, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

### "UNNECESSARY LUXURY."

#### Lord Parmoor Gives Up Athenaeum.

Lord Parmoor has ceased to be a member of the Athenaeum Club, "on the ground that at this time a club subscription is an unnecessary luxury expenditure, and that he finds claims for assistance exceptionally heavy."

The entrance fee for membership of the Athenaeum is thirty guineas, and the annual subscription fifteen guineas.

Lord Parmoor, who is 79, is now in Egypt. He expects to stay until the beginning of February, his doctors having advised him to avoid this Winter in Britain. Last November he resigned, on medical advice, from the position of leader of the Labour party in the House of Lords.

### To-day's Thought.

The best way to keep happiness is to share it.

### Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of January 23, 1922.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7 1/8.

On behalf of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Mr. C. G. Alabaster, applied to the Chief Justice on Saturday morning for confirmation of a special resolution altering the Memorandum of Association of the Company. Counsel explained that the company had vacant land in Belcher's Street, and having a reserve of \$60,000 thought it desirable to build upon it.

The Chief Justice thought the name of the Company should be altered to indicate this widening of the scope of its activities and announced that he would reserve his decision and read through cases on the point. Mr. Alabaster was given permission to file another affidavit stating what effect it would have on the Company if its name had to be changed.

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The Thunder of wheels.

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## IRRITATION AT HOME, INCOMPREHENSION IN PARIS

By Brig-Gen. E. L. SPEARS.

To go from London to Paris just now is to jump out of an atmosphere of irritation against the French into one of incomprehension of the British.

In London it is impossible, however fond one may be of France, to escape the feeling that her policy is largely responsible for the present deplorable state of things in Europe. In Paris one realises that the prevailing mood is a pained sense of being very unfairly misjudged.

I have just returned from a short visit to Paris, and I had not been there many hours before talks with leading Frenchmen convinced me that there is a complete misunderstanding between our two countries. One cannot but be amazed once more that two nations in such close proximity, and with so many points of contact, should show such a baffling incapacity to understand each other, writes the General in the Daily Telegraph.

During my stay I had the opportunity of meeting a number of leaders, both in the business and political worlds, and my astonishment at their incomprehension of public opinion in England was only matched by their stupefaction at being so misrepresented here.

France's Generosity. They were one and all dumbfounded that British opinion seemed to take no account of the generosity with which France had come to our help in the Summer. They reminded me that they had been prepared to do even more than they did. Their purse had been wide open for us to take as much as we needed.

They pointed out, too, that it was the French Government which had prevented the Bank of France throwing its holdings of sterling on the market when the pound was falling, with the consequence that the French Treasury has had to hand over some two milliards to the bank to make good the loss incurred.

These statements represent a quite genuine point of view, for the French do feel they have been generous. I found that Frenchmen find it hard to understand the irritation caused in England by the imposition of the 15 per cent. surtax. Nevertheless, in responsible circles there is increasing realisation that the price of such a small financial advantage is too heavy if it leads to a real estrangement with Great Britain.

With regard to our own tariffs, in spite of much nonsense in the Press, the French have no real arguments to advance against them. They see some hard bargaining ahead, that is all.

No French Ill-Will. Their only real grievance concerns the exclusion of vegetables and fruit on the ground of disease.

On the whole although the French have, or think they have, a good many causes of complaint against us, the visitor to Paris soon realises that they do not reciprocate to any appreciable extent the ill-will which is so manifest in public opinion over here at the present time.

There are, of course, extremists in France who would welcome the most extravagant measures against Germany; but they do not represent the nation, and they certainly do not represent the views of the French Government.

On the contrary, the main impression I brought back with me was of an increasing desire on the part of responsible French opinion for closer co-operation with us.

Priority in Debts. It is only right, for instance, that the British public should know that France—although prepared to drive a hard bargain on behalf of those affected by our tariffs—is willing, and even anxious, to participate in any financial arrangement favourable to us which we might propose.

If the day comes when our Government wishes to float a loan in Paris to stabilise the pound, it will be given every facility for doing so. In another direction French thought has considerably evolved lately. The vital importance of private debts is fully recognised, and our negotiators need no longer anticipate that France will insist on claiming complete and exclusive priority for reparations.

Naturally the coming Disarmament Conference is a major preoccupation with French politicians. I found a determination that, whatever happens, no blame for the failure of the Conference, if it fails, shall be attributable to France.

Here again the difference between the real French point of view and the reflection of it in London is staggering. Frenchmen, whether they be farmers or Ministers, simply cannot understand the accusation levelled at them here of being militaristic.

Disarmament. The French people are so genuinely opposed to warlike adventures that it is inconceivable to them that anyone can believe the contrary. They point out that their army is hardly bigger than that of Great Britain if the Indian Army be included, and that an expert might well doubt whether in numbers and training they could face the German and Italian armies on equal terms.

In many conversations I had in Paris on the subject of disarmament, the following thesis was developed: Security has been the nightmare of post-war international negotiations; fear of attack has led to the impasse Europe finds itself in today. The chief reason for not disarming further is always the same—lack of security. The value and importance of the League of Nations is realised, but its impotence in the face of a Power bent on aggression is pointed out. There is the court of law, but where is the policeman? Although the Disarmament Conference is to open at Geneva in February, nothing has happened to allay these fears. Can no way out be found? Cannot the vicious circle

be broken? The following suggestion seemed worthy of consideration:

There is one section of military aviation which is essentially aggressive—the bombing machine. If each nation placed all its bombers at the disposal of the League of Nations, to be dealt with by an international staff carrying out the orders of the League, then the policeman will at last have been found. Essentially rapid and aggressive retribution would follow swiftly on a breach of the peace.

The confidence engendered by giving legal decision a physical sanction would go a long way towards reassuring those nations which, so far, have not dared to disarm, fearing that in the event of an aggression they might be utterly defeated before any measures, economic or otherwise, had been brought to bear by the League upon the aggressor.

I have reason to know that this suggestion would receive the most sympathetic consideration in France. Terribly Isolated. The conclusion any intelligent observer would form, from a study of the French scene these days, is simply this:

France, so long spared in the economic blizzard which has been battering and exhausting the rest of the world, is now at last beginning to feel the cold, bleak wind that is the forerunner of the storm. She no longer feels comfortable and safe. She senses danger. Moreover, she feels terribly isolated. There are, of course, Frenchmen who are prepared to bluster and brave the world, but they do not represent the majority.

France longs to be shown the way to help Germany without playing the game of those elements—Stahlhelm or Nazi—which are bent on revenge and which preach the immediate revision of the treaties upon which, after all, the very existence of the new countries of Europe depends. She will, however, never find that way alone.

If she is left to herself, if we are not prepared to collaborate with her, she will remain isolated and armed. But if we consider her problems with sympathy and understanding, we may be certain that the stark realities of the present time will cause her to respond, as she has not done for years, to any suggestions we may make.

Coolness Needed. The situation requires great coolness on our part. It is essential not to allow ourselves to be distracted by outcries and alarms, or irresponsible Press propaganda, in either country. We must bear in mind that without French co-operation the collapse of Germany is inevitable, and the immediate consequences, not to mention the ultimate ones, will be of the utmost gravity to ourselves. A Franco-British understanding is not only necessary in the interests of both countries, but in that of Germany also which cannot be saved in any other way.

## LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

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NO MATERIAL CHANGE.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: The market opened quietly steady with no material change in the rates.

Sales.  
Banks, \$1,425.  
Trams, \$22,330.  
Providents (old), \$5.35.  
Constructions (old), \$5.55.  
Hotels, \$15.10.  
Cements (combined), \$19.30.  
Humphreys (new), \$17.74.

Buyers.  
Douglasses, \$23.74.  
Venezuelan Goldfields, \$1.80.  
Hotels (old), \$15.  
Realities, \$11.60.  
Singapore Tractions, 8/-.  
Cements (new), \$5.60.  
Constructions (old), \$5.40.  
Constructions (new), \$1.85.  
Benguets, \$11.34.  
Providents (old), \$5.30.  
Providents (new), \$2.45.  
Chinese Estates, \$95.  
Canton Ices, \$5.  
Sinceres, \$16.  
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Indo-Chinas (Pref.), \$45.  
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$32.  
Venezuelan Goldfields, \$2.  
Star Ferries, \$102.  
Malabon Sugars, \$38 1/2.  
Entertainments (old), \$16 1/2.  
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## EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

<b>On London—</b>	
Bank, Wire . . . . .	1/5
Bank, On demand . . .	1/5 1/16
Bank, 4 months sight 1/5 3/16	
Credits, 4 months' sight . . .	1/6 1/4
Documentary, 4 months sight . .	1/6 3/4
<b>On Paris—</b>	
On demand . . . . .	625
Credits, 4 months' sight . . .	680
<b>On Berlin—</b>	
On demand . . . . .	Nom.
<b>On New York—</b>	
On demand . . . . .	24 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 25	
<b>On Bombay—</b>	
Wire . . . . .	94
On demand . . . . .	94
<b>On Calcutta—</b>	
Wire . . . . .	94
On demand . . . . .	94
<b>On Singapore—</b>	
On demand . . . . .	61
<b>On Manila—</b>	
On demand . . . . .	49
<b>On Shanghai—</b>	
On demand . . . . .	775
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<b>On Yokohama—</b>	
On demand . . . . .	65%
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) . . . . .	1/6 1/4
Silver (per oz.) . . . . .	19 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong . . . . .	Nom.
Copper Cash . . . . .	Nom.
Copper Coins . . . . .	1% prem.
Rate of Native Interest . . . . .	8 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin . . . . .	27 1/4% dis.
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Amsterdam . . . . .	8.55 1/2
Milan . . . . .	68 1/2
Berlin . . . . .	14 9/16
Stockholm . . . . .	17 1/2
Copenhagen . . . . .	18 1/2
Oslø . . . . .	18 1/2
Vienna . . . . .	30
Bucharest . . . . .	67 1/2
Prague . . . . .	116 1/2
Helsingfors . . . . .	23 1/2
Madrid . . . . .	41 1/2
Lisbon . . . . .	106 1/2
Athens . . . . .	267 1/2
Rio . . . . .	4 1/2
Buenos Aires . . . . .	39 1/2
Montevideo . . . . .	29
Santiago . . . . .	17 1/2
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## FIGHT WITH A KING COBRA.

Furious Blows.

The report of an encounter with the dreaded Hamadryad, or King Cobra, the largest venomous snake in the world, and one of the very few which will turn and give fight, and even pursue a man for a long distance, has been communicated to the Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society.

Mr. P. A. W. Howe, of Pyinmana, was inspecting teak tree stumps at the time, accompanied by his native clerk. While the latter was moving a stump about 40ft. away, "I saw a large snake come down the bed of the little ravine opposite me," reports Mr. Howe.

"I threw a piece of rock which, if the snake had not recoiled, would have hit it. It then rose up, its head being some 2ft. from the ground, and its hood distended."

Dodged Blows. With a loud hiss the great snake "went for" Mr. Howe. He had a thick cane walking stick tipped with steel and with this he aimed a blow at the neck. The King Cobra recoiled and the blow fell a yard behind the head. Raising itself, the infuriated snake came on again, striking at

its foe as he thrust and beat at it with his walking stick, off which bits kept breaking.

When his stick had so dwindled that it was only 14 inches long, he deemed the moment opportune to retreat.

"I turned and ran up the bank. The snake also turned and followed me for about 10 yards. Fortunately I had so injured it that it could travel only slowly, and I was able to find a bamboo and kill it outright. It measured 8 feet 5 inches."

## BLIND JUROR.

Regrets At Being Unable To Serve.

When a man was empanelled at the Old Bailey as a juror it was discovered that he was blind. He was asked if he would like to be excused service, but he replied that he would prefer to do his duty as a citizen if his blindness did not interfere with the administration of justice.

Judge Gregory, K.C., said that the man's sense of public duty did him credit, but, as there was a forced document in the case, he was afraid that sight was necessary. The blind man expressed his regret at being unable to serve, and his place was taken by another man.

## DEBT LEFT BY THE VICTORIANS.

How We Are Having to Liquidate It.

Sir Michael Sadler, in an address at an Individualist Bookshop luncheon in London on December 8, said that the Victorian age, with all its virtues, left us its arrears. "It worked and saved," he said, "investing its savings. It was not spendthrift, but it was blind to the moral implications of its own triumphs, and it left England ill-trained, with malnutrition, with carping anxiety in millions of homes, and with all the stress of anxiety that English working people and their wives and children suffered in old days in any time of temporary distress."

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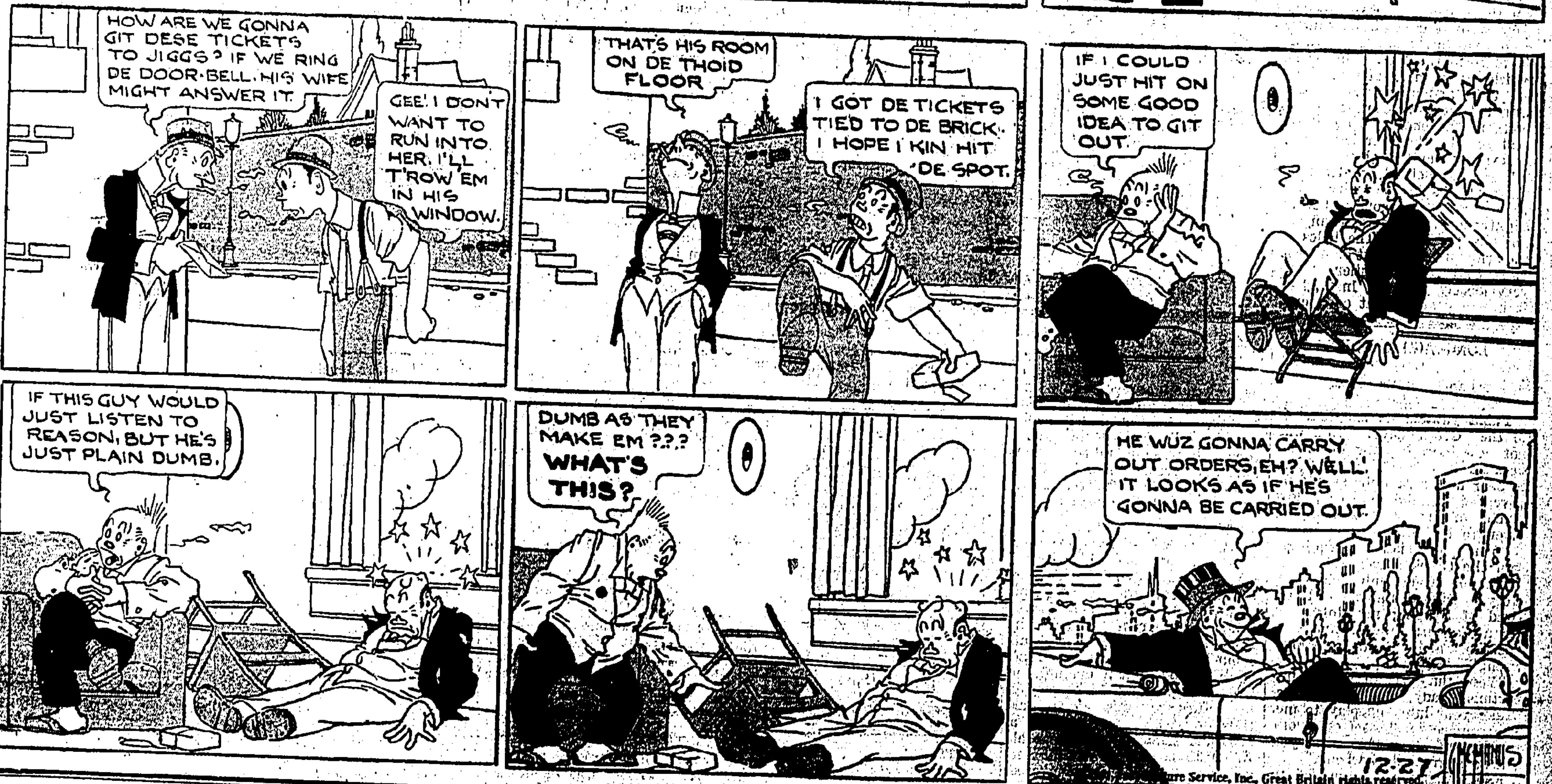
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7.15-8 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records.  
7.05-7.25 p.m.—Operatic.  
Aida—Grand March (Verdi).  
Milan Symphony Orchestra & Chorus (0608).  
The Magic Flute Overture (Mozart).  
Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Symphony Orchestra (DX101R).  
8 p.m.—Local Time.  
7.25-8.20 p.m.—Light Opera.  
Patience—Vocal Gems.  
(Gilbert & Sullivan).  
Columbia Light Opera Co. (DX238).  
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London Theatre Orchestra (DX122).  
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Columbia Light Opera Co. (DX238).  
The Three Musketeers—Vocal Gems (Woodhouse, Grey, & Prim).  
Columbia Light Opera Co. (DX238).  
The Merry Wives of Windsor Overture (Nicolai).  
Sir Henry Wood conducting.

In the New Queen's Hall  
Orchestra (L1723R).  
Florodora—Vocal Gems.  
(Leslie Stuart).  
Columbia Light Opera Co. (DX126).  
The Yeomen of the Guard (Gilbert & Sullivan)—Vocal Gems.  
Columbia Light Opera Co. (9554).  
8.20-8.55 p.m.—Band Music.  
Voyage in a Troopship (arr. G. Miller).  
Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (DX8).  
The Evolution of Dixie (Lasky).  
Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (DX228).  
It's a Lovely War—Medley (arr. Somers).  
Debroy Somers' Band (DX199).  
Review of Reviews (Pub. by Messrs. Francis Day & Hunter).  
Debroy Somers' Band (DX227).  
8.55-9.30 p.m.—Instrumental.  
Violin Solo—  
"Saudades do Brazil" (Milkhead arr. Levy).  
Bourgeois in B. Minor (Liszt).  
Joseph Szigeti (D1633).  
Piano Solo—  
Polonaise in E Flat (Chopin).  
Joko Ebanita (D1048).  
Violin Solo—  
Op. 45—Wings of Love (arr. Friedman).  
Milkhead (D1633).  
Piano Solo—  
Judgment of Paris (Milkhead arr. Friedman).  
Milkhead (D1633).  
Ignaz Friedman (D1040).  
Violin Solo—  
Rumanian Folk Dances (Hartok arr. Szakoly).  
Joseph Szigeti (LB8).  
8.30-11.30 p.m.—Dance Music.  
Fox Trot—  
I'll be Good Because of You, Ten Cents a Dance (CB249).  
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Fox Trot—  
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Fox Trot—  
Blue Rags (CB210).

12.27 (Milkhead)  
Fox Trot—  
Sweetheart we Need Each Other (CB207).  
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One Step—  
Yoll Yoll Mr. Cohen (CB180).  
Fox Trot—  
Alma Mia, Waltz—  
Tonsa (CB250).  
Fox Trot—  
Lonesome Little Doll, One Step—  
The Toymaker's Dream (CB289).  
Fox Trot—  
O-Ya Ya, Satisfied, Why am I so Romantic? (CB278).  
Waltz—  
Just for You (CB101).  
Fox Trot—  
Summertime Up, She's so Unusual (CB270).  
Waltz—  
A Slave to Love, The Same as We Used to Do (CB147).  
11.30 p.m.—Close Down.  
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ESPIONAGE.**

**Roumanian Major As  
Soviet Agent.**

Thousands of spectators, by invitation of the commander of the regiment, issued in placards, witnessed the public degradation of Major Vetraru, convicted of espionage in the interests of Soviet Russia.

The square of Malmajour-Bazars, Bucharest, where the ceremony took place, and the surrounding streets were impassable owing to the enormous throng.

The major, supported by soldiers, was brought half-unconscious into the square, where troops where his gaunettes torn off and his sword was broken in two. The fall of the ground was a scene of horror.





## THE WENDY HUT.

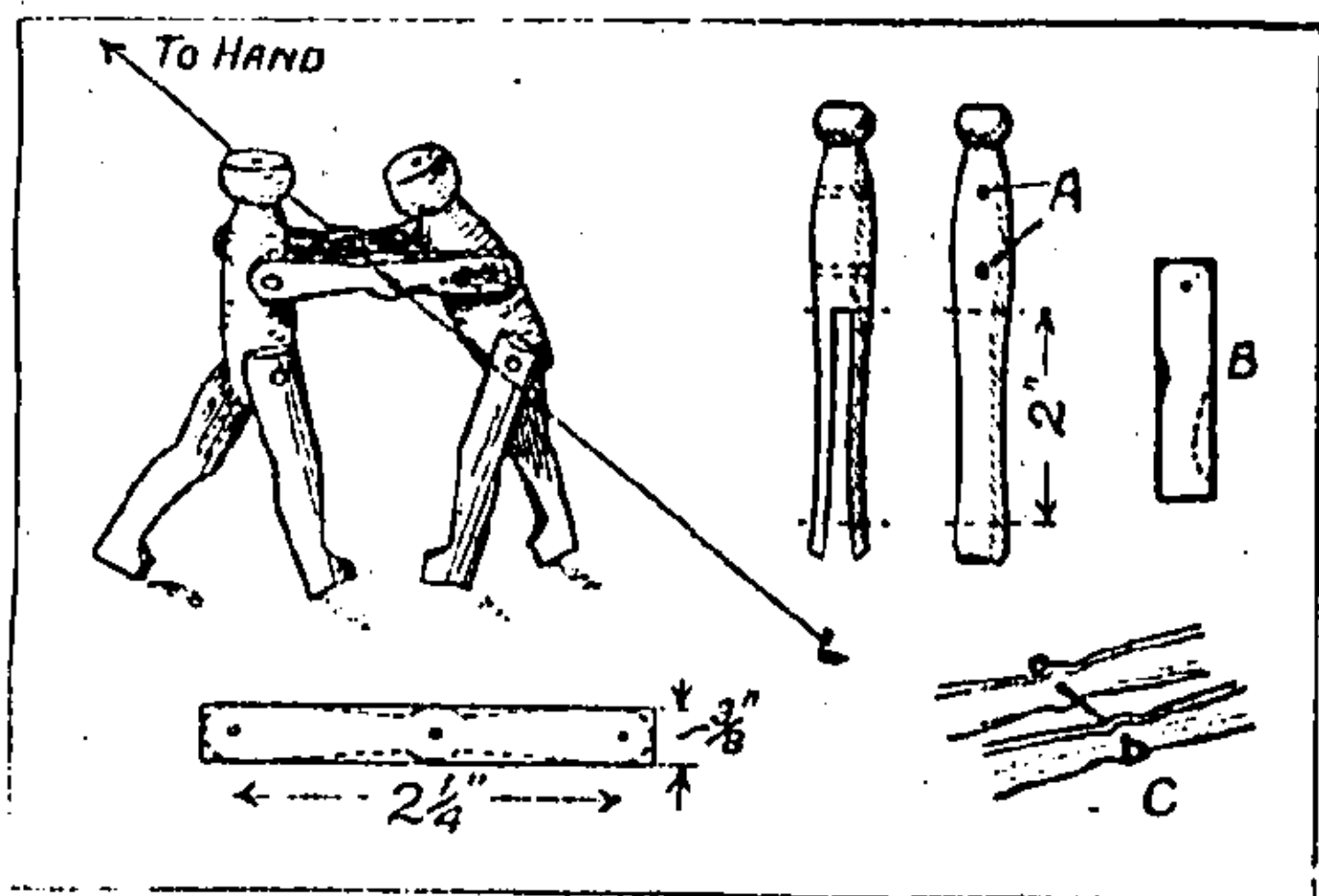
### THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP

#### How to Make Toy Wrestlers.

You can make this amusing toy out of two clothes pegs of the pattern shown in the diagrams. The top parts of the pegs from the heads and bodies of the wrestlers," and the bottom parts are used for the legs. Drill two small holes (A) through each top part and then saw off the bottom pieces as indicated. Each strip should be cut to a length of two inches. Now, with your penknife, whittle each strip to the shape shown at B, to form the legs. The arms, which can be made of thin wood, are two and a quarter inches long between the centres of the holes in the ends. To get the best results, the four legs must be exactly the same length.

The best method of attaching the parts is to use wire nails, which must, of course, be of slightly larger diameter than the holes in the body. The holes in the arms and legs must be a loose fit so that the "wrestlers" are very loosely jointed. Instead of it into a neat loop at each end,

nails, pieces of wire may be passed through the holes, and secured by a little loop at each end. After all the parts are put together, bore small holes through the centres of the arms, pass a piece of wire through, and bend



Top "wrestlers" made from clothes-peg. They will be good fun to surprise people with at your party.

### LONG AGO STORIES.

#### Fabia's Little Tree.

Fabia yawned as she listened to the Greek slave. She was not attending to the old man, because it did not interest her to hear how a republic should be governed, nor did she care how much of her corn should be given to the State.

"You are not attending," said the Greek slave. "If you would only tell me a story," sighed Fabia. "I am tired of learning my duty. I am a Roman; I never make a mistake, and I do nothing wrong."

"Your duty is of great importance, lady," said the slave. "Take your lute and play to me. The music will soften your vanity, and show you that you can do a great deal wrong."

Fabia was much annoyed to hear the wrong notes come scattering from the lute under her impatient fingers, and the slave kept her playing for an hour. He was a very learned slave, like a number of other Greeks who had been taken prisoners by the Romans, and he had charge of Fabia's education.

When she had finished her music, Fabia repeated some

poetry, then she went into the garden to look at her little tree. She had to stand and gaze at it for two minutes every day, and it was just beginning to interest her, for she noticed that it would soon be full of snow-white blossoms. It was an unknown tree that the great Roman soldier, Lucullus, had brought from Asia, and it had a little story:

Fabia was being brought up in the house of her kinsman Lucullus, and she had everything she wanted. But when Lucullus went away to battle, he promised to bring her something back from Cerasus, in Asia, and then he forgot all about it. Lucullus was very fond of rich food, and a magnificent feast was prepared in honour of his return, for this great man thought nothing of spending a thousand pounds on one meal. When Fabia entered the hall to welcome him, he remembered that he had promised her a present and was sorry he had not kept the promise. However, on the purple cushion beside him was a little half-dead tree, and this he gave to Fabia, telling her to plant it in the garden.

Fabia said nothing while she was in the hall, but once she was outside — she was not allowed to

remain during the feast — she forgot she was twelve years old and screamed with rage, and would have thrown the little tree



"They were the first cherries seen in Rome."

away had not the Greek slave made her plant it. And he made her go and look at it every day, too.

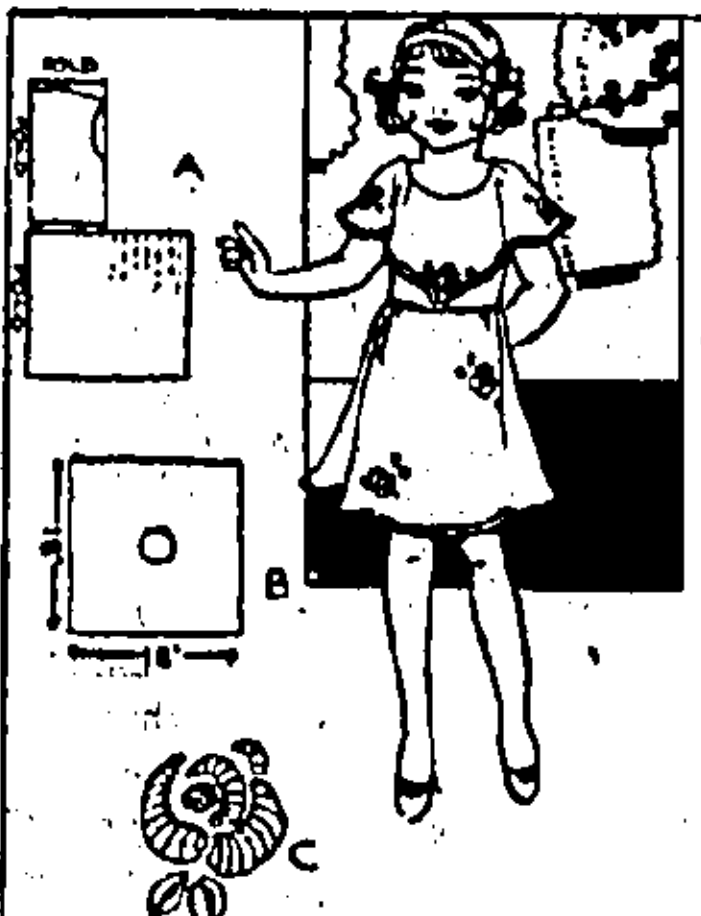
When the little tree was covered with white flowers, Fabia loved it. Then the blossoms fell, and by degrees the tree became covered with little red balls hanging on long stems. They

### WENDY'S LITTLE NEEDLEWOMEN

#### A New Dress For Party Time.

As it is Party-time, I'm sure some of the little dress-makers would like to copy the pretty frock shown here.

You will need about three or three-and-a-half yards of pale coloured artificial silk material, a card of art-silk bias-binding in the same colour but several tones darker in shade, and two skeins of stranded embroidery cotton—one rose, the other green.



The new dress for Party Time! Dressmaker tells you how to make it.

Measure yourself from your shoulders to your waist, and across your chest; then cut a piece of material a little wider and twice as long. Fold it lengthways and widthways, and cut as shown in the upper part of Diagram A. The skirt is cut like the lower part of the diagram, and should be made in two strips, long enough to reach to your knees and wide enough to be gathered prettily each side.

Sew up the side and shoulder seams of the bodice, and the side seams of the skirt. You can either hem the skirt edge, or bind it with the bias-binding as you prefer. Gather the skirt each side, as shown by the dotted lines in Diagram A, and pull up to fit the edge of the bodice. Tack bodice and skirt together, and try on the frock. If it is satisfactory, sew all seams neatly.

Cut a square of material with sides eighteen inches long, and bind it with bias-binding. Then cut a hole in the middle, as shown in Diagram B. This is for the collar. Slip it over your head, when you have the dress on, then sew the collar to the dress, as (Continued at foot of next column.)

were the first cherries seen in Rome! Fabia was delighted with them, and after she had eaten a handful she went to the slave.

"Yes, I can make a mistake," she admitted. "I made one about that tree."

That was the sort of lesson little Roman girls learnt in the days when Lucullus brought the cherry tree to Europe.

### RESULT OF PUZZLE COMPETITION.

#### THE PRIZE WINNERS.

The Puzzle picture which appeared on this page on January 9th has proved a great success and the large number of entries received has kept the Hut friends busy for a few days.

The list of "wrong things" shown in the picture numbered 42 but no one was successful in naming the exact mistakes.

The best list sent in nearest to the Goblin Artists' "mistakes" showed 38 errors, two children having the same number of mistakes, Eileen Miller and Jessie Cameron, while Dorothy Salmon with 33 "mistakes" is the next on the Prize list. The three prize winners have to be complimented on their neat and beautiful writing and Wendy hopes they will like their prizes from the Wendy Hut.

#### Prize List.

1st & 2nd Prizes (tie).  
Eileen Miller .... (11)  
Jessie Cameron .. (13)  
3rd Prize.  
Dorothy Salmon .. (9)

### THE PRINCESS AND HER MAID OF HONOUR.

Once upon a time there was a very great Princess. The fame of her beauty spread far and wide, and Princes came from all over the earth to ask for her hand in marriage. But she would have none of them, and when she heard that two celebrated Kings



"You must pretend to be me," said the Princess to her loveliest Maid-of-honour.

were on their way to her court she determined to play a little trick on them.

"You must pretend to be me," she said to her loveliest maid-of-honour. "While you are talking to them, I will stand behind you and choose the one I like best."

Well, the Kings arrived, and they both addressed the lovely maid - of - honour together, and then started fighting because they were so jealous of each other. The poor maid-of-honour screamed, and the true princess tried to stop the fighting, but the Kings told her to get out of the way.

This was a terrible shock to the Princess, for she had thought she would be recognised at once. Now she saw for the first time that it was only her name that gave her power and made her famous. She was very sad, and went and sat on a stool, while the two Kings listened to the weeping maid-of-honour who really didn't know what to say (Continued in next Column.)

ranging one point at the back, one in front, and one over each shoulder.

Embroider little roses, like the one shown in Diagram C, on the skirt, and work one in each corner of the collar, adding lazy-daisy stitch leaves.

Wendy's Dressmaker.

### TINK'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

The English town name hidden in last week's puzzle was Sunderland. You guessed this, I suppose, by the picture which showed the letter S — under — land. Full solution:—

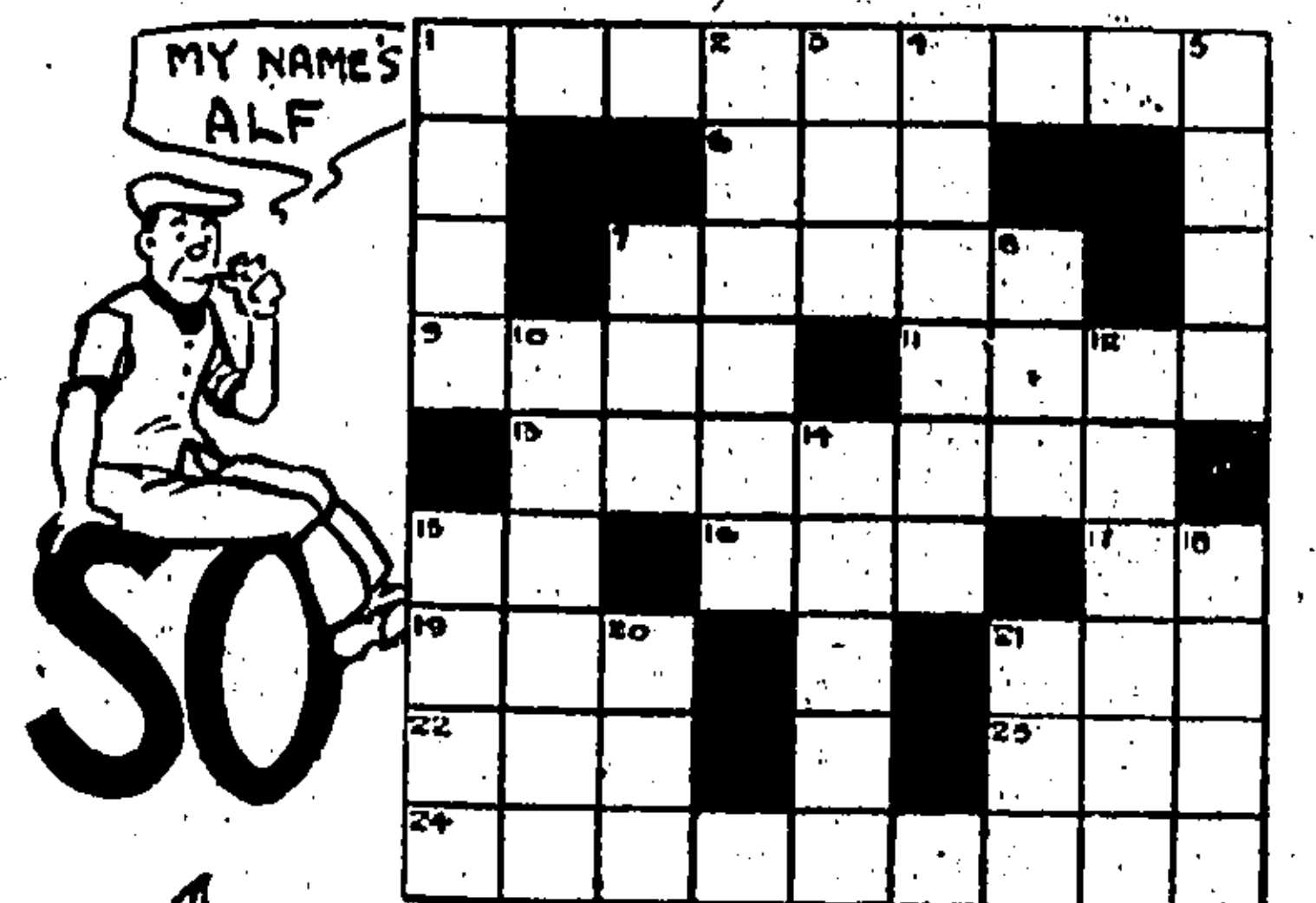
#### Across.

- Child's cot. (Crib).
- Rind. (Peel).
- Packing cases. (Crates).
- Gladness. (Glee).
- Peruse. (Read).
- Prefix meaning "against". (Anti).
- Hidden name. (Sunderland).
- Poem. (Ode).
- Near. (By).
- Figs' house. (Sty).
- Rodents. (Rats).
- Employed. (Used).

#### Down.

- Part of a wheel. (Cog).
- Frozen water. (Ice).
- Food. (Bread).
- Danger. (Peril).
- Compass point. (ESE).
- Boy. (Lad).
- Powerful in sound. (Loud).
- A relative. (Aunt).
- Beak. (Neb).
- Endeavour. (Try).
- Not sweet. (Sour).
- Tidy. (Neat).
- Requests. (Asks).
- Coloured. (Dyed).

Who can guess the King's name represented by the picture at the side of this week's puzzle? Perhaps the Tinies will be rather uncertain, but the bigger boys and girls will soon think of it. It is hidden, as usual, in the puzzle.



What famous King does this suggest to you?

#### Clues:—

- |                                  |   |   |   |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 1. Seas.                         | Across.                                   | 1. Cooking vessels.                       | Down.                                     |
| 2. Bird.                         | 2. Tribe leaders.                         | 2. Tribe leaders.                         | 2. Tribe leaders.                         |
| 3. Foolish.                      | 3. Slippery fish.                         | 3. Slippery fish.                         | 3. Slippery fish.                         |
| 4. Footwear.                     | 4. Situated in the interior of a country. | 4. Situated in the interior of a country. | 4. Situated in the interior of a country. |
| 5. plane.                        | 5. Sometimes used in milk puddings.       | 5. Sometimes used in milk puddings.       | 5. Sometimes used in milk puddings.       |
| 6. Hidden name.                  | 6. Affirmative reply.                     | 6. Affirmative reply.                     | 6. Affirmative reply.                     |
| 7. Afternoon.                    | 7. Wicker basket with lid.                | 7. Wicker basket with lid.                | 7. Wicker basket with lid.                |
| 8. Unhappy.                      | 8. Boy's name.                            | 8. Boy's name.                            | 8. Boy's name.                            |
| 9. Short for "baronet."          | 9. Fertile spot in desert.                | 9. Fertile spot in desert.                | 9. Fertile spot in desert.                |
| 10. Quick.                       | 10. Gone by.                              | 10. Gone by.                              | 10. Gone by.                              |
| 11. Ocean.                       | 11. A wood.                               | 11. A wood.                               | 11. A wood.                               |
| 12. You do this with your eyes.  | 12. Afternoon meal.                       | 12. Afternoon meal.                       | 12. Afternoon meal.                       |
| 13. To blunder.                  | 13. Same as 21 across.                    | 13. Same as 21 across.                    | 13. Same as 21 across.                    |
| 14. Express in another language. |   |   |   |

to them. Then a handsome young Prince entered the room, and after watching the Kings, and the maid-of-honour for some time, he went over to the Princess.

"Go and help your poor Princess," he laughed. "She's looking at you with most pitiful eyes."

"Go and ask her if she'll marry you, and get her out of the difficulty that way," suggested the Princess.

"I don't think she would suit me," murmured the Prince. "I much prefer you, though you are only a maid-of-honour. Be kind—go and help her!"

Then the Princess laughed and confessed the trick she had played. Nobody was more surprised than the young Prince, but the Princess married him, and the two Kings went sadly away.

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OH, YES, DARLING! I WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR THE WORLD—

GEE! I COULDN'T LET HER KNOW I HAVEN'T GOT A RADIO! I'LL GO OVER TO STEVE'S AND LISTEN IN. GEE! I WISH I HAD CAR-FARE.

WOW! IT'S STARTING TO RAIN. I'M LUCKY TO HAVE A COAT, I GUESS.

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DOING OUT ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS?

I WANT TO LISTEN TO YOUR RADIO

WELL, YOU'LL HAVE TO HAVE GOOD EARS, IT'S IN A PAWN-SHOP A MILE AWAY.



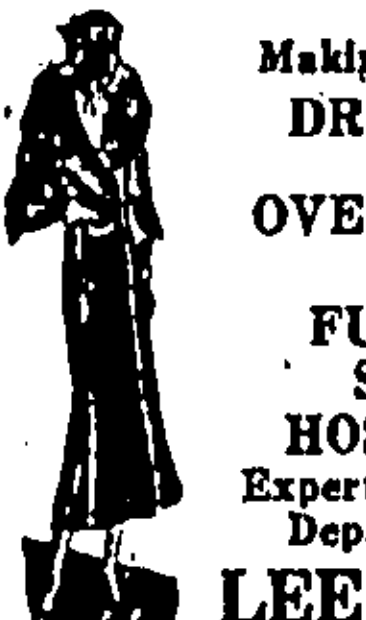
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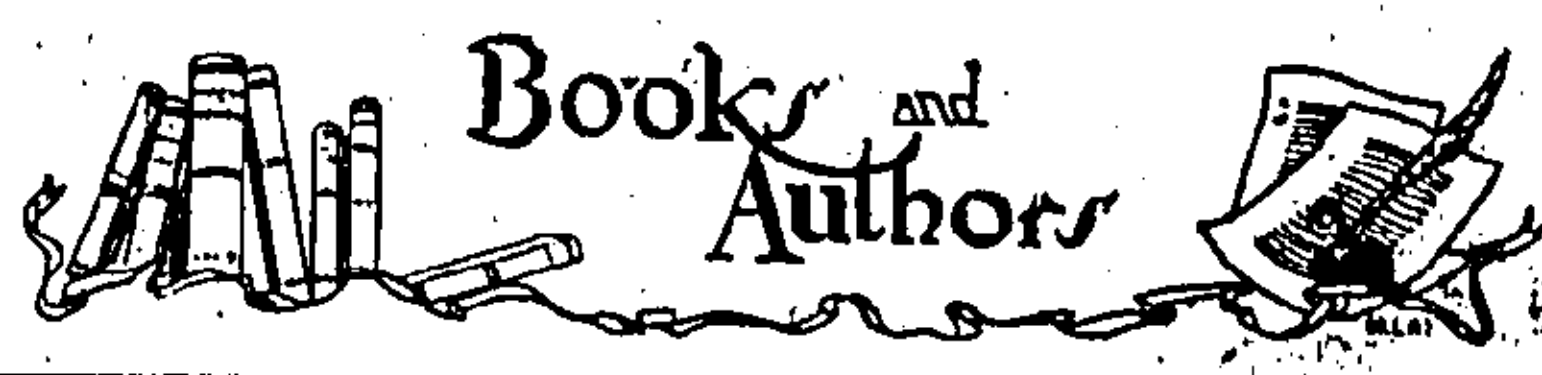
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One of the strangest libraries in the world is housed in a by-way in Kensington, London. It runs into thousands of books, pamphlets and rare manuscripts, all concerned with one subject—the supernatural or its imitations. The oldest book in this library, which belongs to the National Laboratory of Psychological Research, dates from the middle of the fifteenth century, and the newest is still damp from the press. Between them lie the most complete collection of magical works ever made. The catalogue is full of such entries as—evil eye, sleight of hand, witchcraft, vampirism, human ostriches, sword swallowing, haunting, the devil. According to the director of the Laboratory, Mr. H. Pries, who contributes an article on the contents of the library, to John O'London's Weekly, there is a book on witches by James I, one of the most scholarly kings of England, in which he solemnly sets down the correct methods for their detection and punishment, and a logical treatise on demons by Jean Bodin, who in his saner moments was an economist and political philosopher of note. The first book on the survival of the dead ever published in England is another treasure of the library. It is a treatise "Of

Ghosts and Spirits walking by night," written by Lewis Lavater of London in 1672.

Books relating to psychic and other impostors naturally abound in the library of a society that seeks to get at the truth by exposing fraud, writes a correspondent to the Melbourne "Leader." Here one may read of the amazing case of Mary Toft, the "Guildford rabbit breeder," or "Princess Caraboo," the country serving wench who fooled half England, or the Yaxton demoniacs, the famous fastidious woman, and the pseudo-fakirs who stick themselves full of pins. There are chronicles of magnetic ladies whose strength-resisting feats appear marvellous until one knows how the tricks are done; and water spouters who could produce whole fountains from their internal economy.

Thought-reading tricks have puzzled the wise through the ages, but in this library one may see more than 200 codes employed to simulate telepathy and thought transference. Amongst them is the famous code used by the Zancigs, whose music-hall thought-reading act deceived all London. This code was so perfect that it enabled Zancig to describe almost any article handed to him by a member of the audience, so that his wife, who sat blindfold on the stage, could name it. Occasionally he was handed objects which could not be conveyed by the code, but he was a sufficiently good showman to extricate himself from these

difficulties without shaking the faith of the audience in his pseudo-psychic powers.

Scrap Books and Show Bills. Scrap books are amongst the most interesting volumes in this library. One contains 1,500 old play bills, letters, trade cards and almanacs once belonging to old time astrologers and other quacks. Even some letters from victims of these charlatans are preserved.

Show bills issued by the Davenport brothers, whose seances deceived the public for many years, can be seen in this library.

## Library of Magic.

Almanacs and prophecies naturally have a place in a library of magic. One of the most interesting is "A Nunnes Prophecie, of the fall of Friers. Containing the Downfall of the Pope by the Unicorn of the West. Prophecie 300 years ago and fulfilled in this present age, 1615." Dean Swift was not the man to resist a fling at the Old Moors of his day, and one of the chief treasures of the library is his "Predictions for the year 1708," written under the pseudonym of Isaac Bickersstaff, to prevent the People of England being further imposed upon by Vulgar Almanack Makers." This was a hit at a quack named John Partridge, who brought out an annual almanac.

The famous Abrams rays, which the inventor claimed as a cure for all diseases, is one amongst the many box mysteries dealt with in the library and, of course, Joanna Southcott's amazing legacy is not forgotten. There is a collection of original letters from the arch-bishops of Great Britain, giving their views on its opening; and having read them, one may see the box itself, which was X-rayed before it was ceremoniously opened at the Church House, Westminster, four years ago.

ANSWER: NOT A LEMON, BUT  
A NEW H.Q.

What can be done under most difficult circumstances by a keen Boy Scout Group is shown by the following story of the new Headquarters of the 1st Lemington Group of Boy Scouts, Northumberland.

In spite of living in one of the hardest hit districts in the depressed industrial area of Tyneside, and despite the facts that the local steel works were closed down six years ago; the glass works are on short time; one colliery is closed, and two others on short time, the 1st Lemington Group have built a new Scout Headquarters.

Known as "The Lemons," owing to their lemon-coloured scarves and stocking-tops, the Group, which consists of 18 Rover Scouts (senior Scouts over 17 years of age), 25 Boy Scouts, and 81 Wolf Cubs (junior Scouts, 8 to 12), decided a year ago that new Headquarters were necessary.

By various means they have since raised £65. One Rover Scout

drew the plans; another carried out the electric installation, and the boys themselves have done every scrap of work in erecting the new building, including foundations, concrete steps, fireplaces and necessary seating. The result is a commodious Headquarters 60 feet by 25 feet with an additional room as a Rover Scout Den.

The Scouts are now putting the finishing touches to their home by lining the inside with three-ply wood.

Another Group in the same area, the 1st Sully Sea Scout Group, has recently converted an old rifle range on the banks of the Tyne into a snug headquarters.

These two Scout Groups have thus, under abnormal local conditions, efficiently proved the value of Scout training.

FROM TIME-SERVING TO  
CHARACTER-SERVING.

An old jail leased from the county council is now headquarters for the Boy Scouts of Cloverdale, B.C.

RED INDIAN JAMBOREE VISITOR  
DEAD.

A member of the Canadian Boy Scout contingent to the great world gathering of Scouts, the Coming-of-Age Jamboree at Birkenhead, in England in 1929, who attracted much attention, has died in the person of Scout Bob Grey of British Columbia.

As a "genuine Red Indian and the son of a chief," many British boys sought the Canadian camp to meet Scout Grey and take his picture.

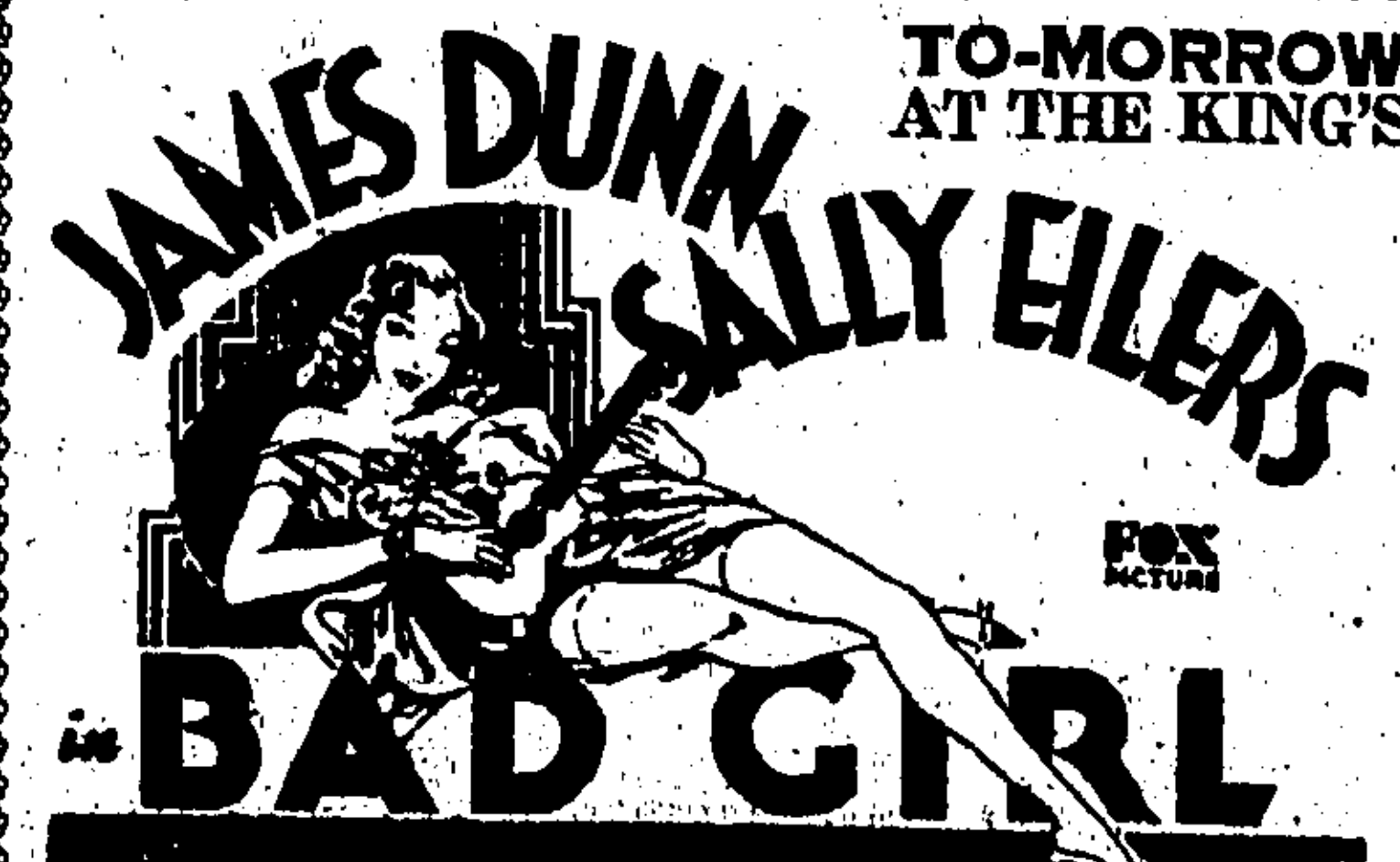
Grey led the Indian dances which were a popular feature of the display given by the Canadian in the great amphitheatre.

## "THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK."

"Many a false step is made by standing still."

FAMOUS ADMIRAL AS  
SEA SCOUT.

Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Roger Keyes, famous for his services during the Great War, especially in connection with the Dover Patrol and the operations against Zeppelins on St. George's Day, 1918, has become Assistant County Commissioner for Sea Scouts in Buckinghamshire.

ROUND THE LOCAL  
CINEMAS.What Mail Reviewers  
Say.

## "BAD GIRL."

Whether or not you will be interested in the Fox film of "Bad Girl," which comes to the King's Theatre to-morrow, will depend on what kind of a film fan you are.

If you are one of that legion of people who are followers of particular "stars"—because so-and-so is in it, it must be good! sort of fan—you will not care, because there are no "stars" in "Bad Girl." You will not care, that is, until someone tells you what a peach of a picture it is. Then you will go to satisfy your curiosity, and come away feeling pleased that you have seen it. Believe me, this is just what will happen to you if you go to see "Bad Girl" and my advice is "Go, in spite of what misgivings you may have."

"Bad Girl" is a picture acted by ordinary people (other than "stars" that is) for ordinary people, and the story is one of ordinary everyday life which can happen to ordinary people, not a story of the fantastic, fairy-tale variety of which we have had too much. I won't tell the story here so as not to spoil your enjoyment of the picture.

About the only thing I got against the picture is its name, "Bad Girl." I fail to see where the girl that matters in the picture is "bad." In fact, at the start, I thought she was "naughty," and later I found her a little "naughty," but "bad," positively, "No." However, "what's in a name?" Having explained away the title, you can now feel assured that there is nothing in the picture which will shock your moral, so "go to it!"

—JAY.

## From Official Sources.

## "FIVE AND TEN."

A little thing like a sprained ankle can't keep Marion Davies from work.

The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star suffered a severe wrench to her right ankle while playing tennis one morning, but appeared for work on time after having the injury bound up by a surgeon. It was not until late in the afternoon when she began to limp that Director Robert Z. Leonard learned of the mishap and postponed further work on "Five and Ten" for the day.

## "A FREE SOUL."

Love is essential to life—which is why it is essential to drama. For drama, to be true, must be life. So says Norma Shearer, star of "A Free Soul," which will come to-morrow to the Queen's Theatre.

The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star, who plays a woman seeking "freedom" in the new picture and finds that it leads only to disaster, portrays a girl who tries to love attending the school.

two men at once—without success. An elaborate cast supports the star with Leslie Howard as the millionaire sportman, Lionel Barrymore as the lawyer father, Clark Gable as the gambler, James Gleason as the amusing bodyguard and Lucy Beaumont as the aristocratic grandmother.

## "HUSH MONEY."

Because successful racketeers live like millionaires, frequent the places wealth does, and, until their game is exposed, mingle with the best society is the reason that "Hush Money," a Fox production directed by Sidney Lanfield, co-starring Joan Bennett and Hardie Albright, now at the King's Theatre, was filmed for the audible screen.

Owen Moore is a debonair, suave, gentleman with a faculty of meeting the best people and then trimming them. Joan Bennett, almost on the verge of starvation through circumstances, is taken in by Moore and is forced to become one of the gang. C. Henry Gordon is associated with Moore and conducts his fake detective agency on the side. Hardie Albright is co-featured with Joan Bennett as her husband.

## "LASCA."

"Lasca of the Rio Grande," Universal's straight-shooting, Spanish-flavoured romance of the Mexican border, will be the next attraction at the Central Theatre, with Leo Carrillo, John Mack Brown, Dorothy Burgess and Slim Summerville in its principal roles.

Based upon the Frank Desprez poem, "Lasca," the story concerns a dark-eyed senorita of the dance-halls, a tenderly murderous half-breed cattle owner who likes his women beautiful, and a handsome Texas Ranger in love.

The picture is packed to the brim with hard-riding bellowing guns, lilting Spanish melodies, and romantic scenes, and is a photographic classic, according to reports. There is a thrilling cattle stampede, a rousing gun-fight between the half-breed's none-too-careful sharpshooters and the Rangers, and some of the season's choicest comedy, furnished by Slim Summerville and Frank Campeau.

Leo Carrillo, suave star of the stage and screen, appears an ideal Jose. Santa Cruz, Lasca's half Portuguese, half Indian admirer, Dorothy Burgess, sensation of "In Old Arizona" and a host of hits, is Lasca. The erstwhile All-American football star and featured player of "Coquette," "Billy the Kid," "Montana Moon" and "Our Dancing Daughters," John Mack Brown, is seen as the strapping Texas Ranger.

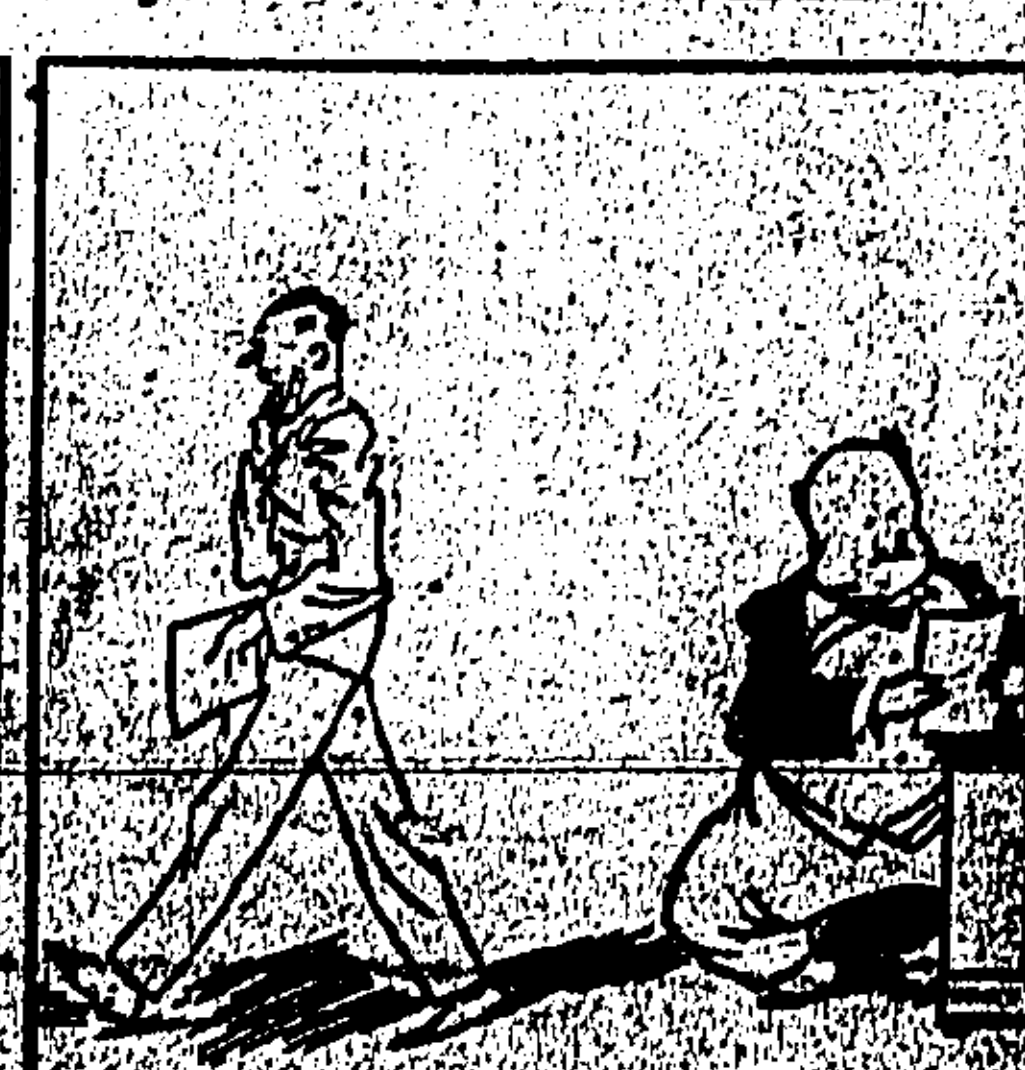
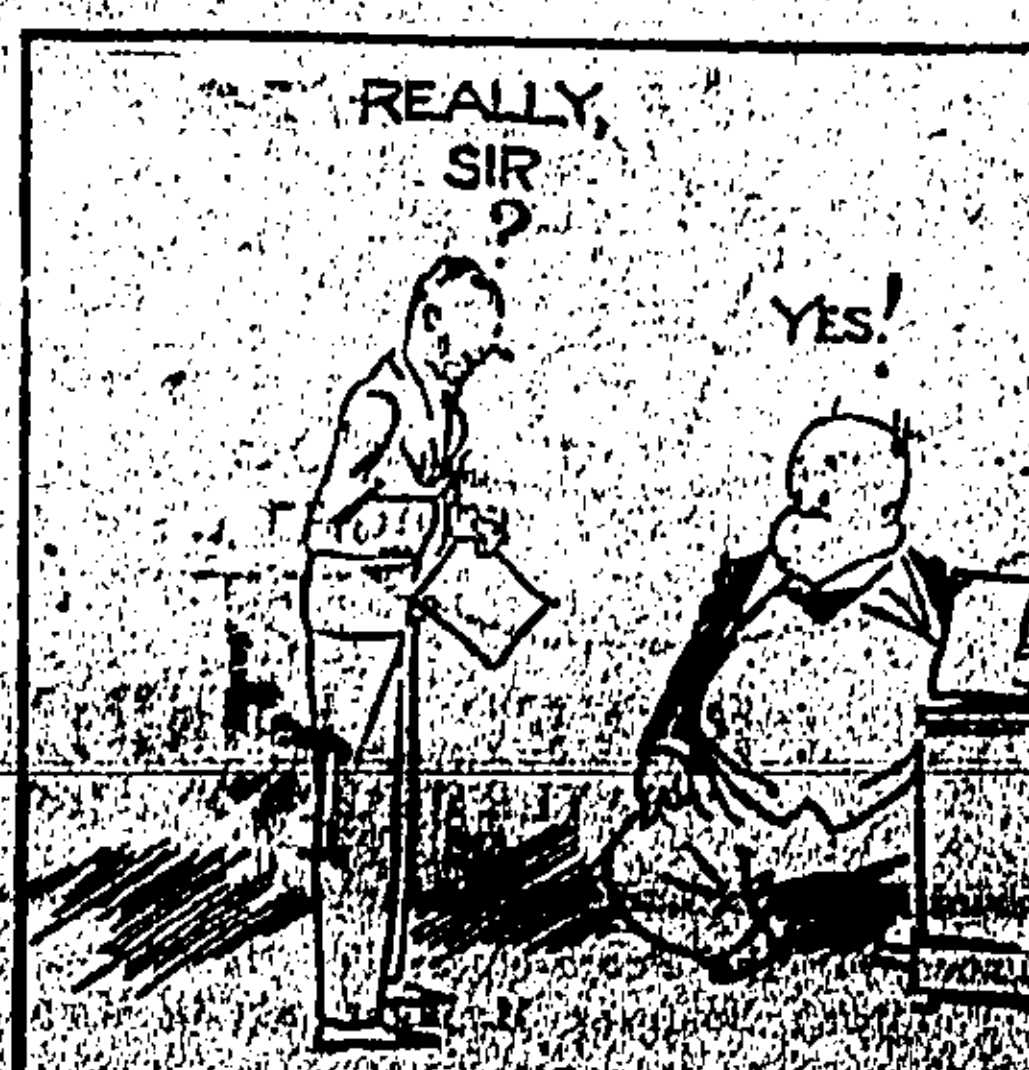
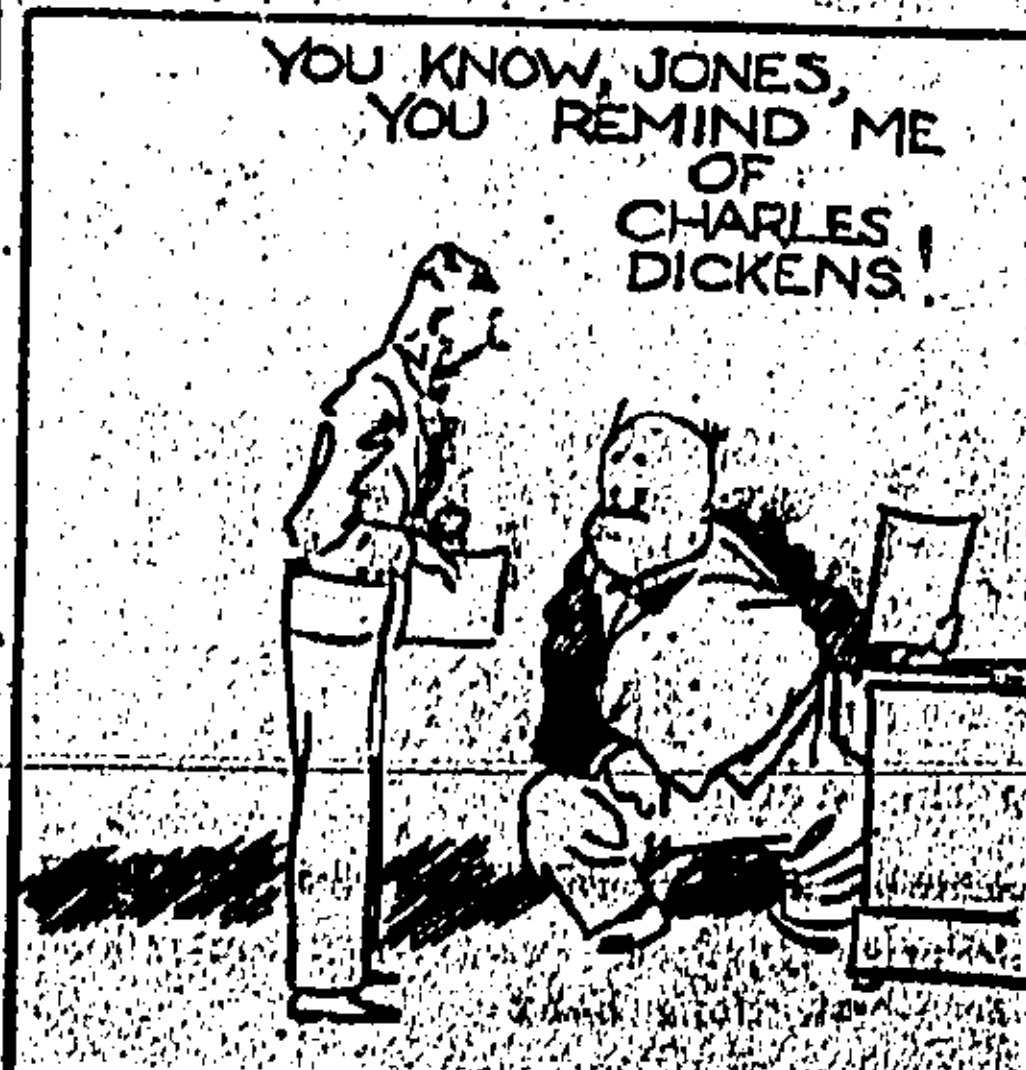
## SCHOOL'S RECORD FOR TWINS.

The head master of the village school at Blackrod, near Bolton, claims that the number of twins he has as scholars constitutes a record for a village school.

Although there are less than 150 scholars at the school they include six pairs of twins, and a few months ago there were seven pairs of twins attending the school.

## POP — To-morrow He'll Look Like Sinclair Lewis.

By J. MILLAR WATT.



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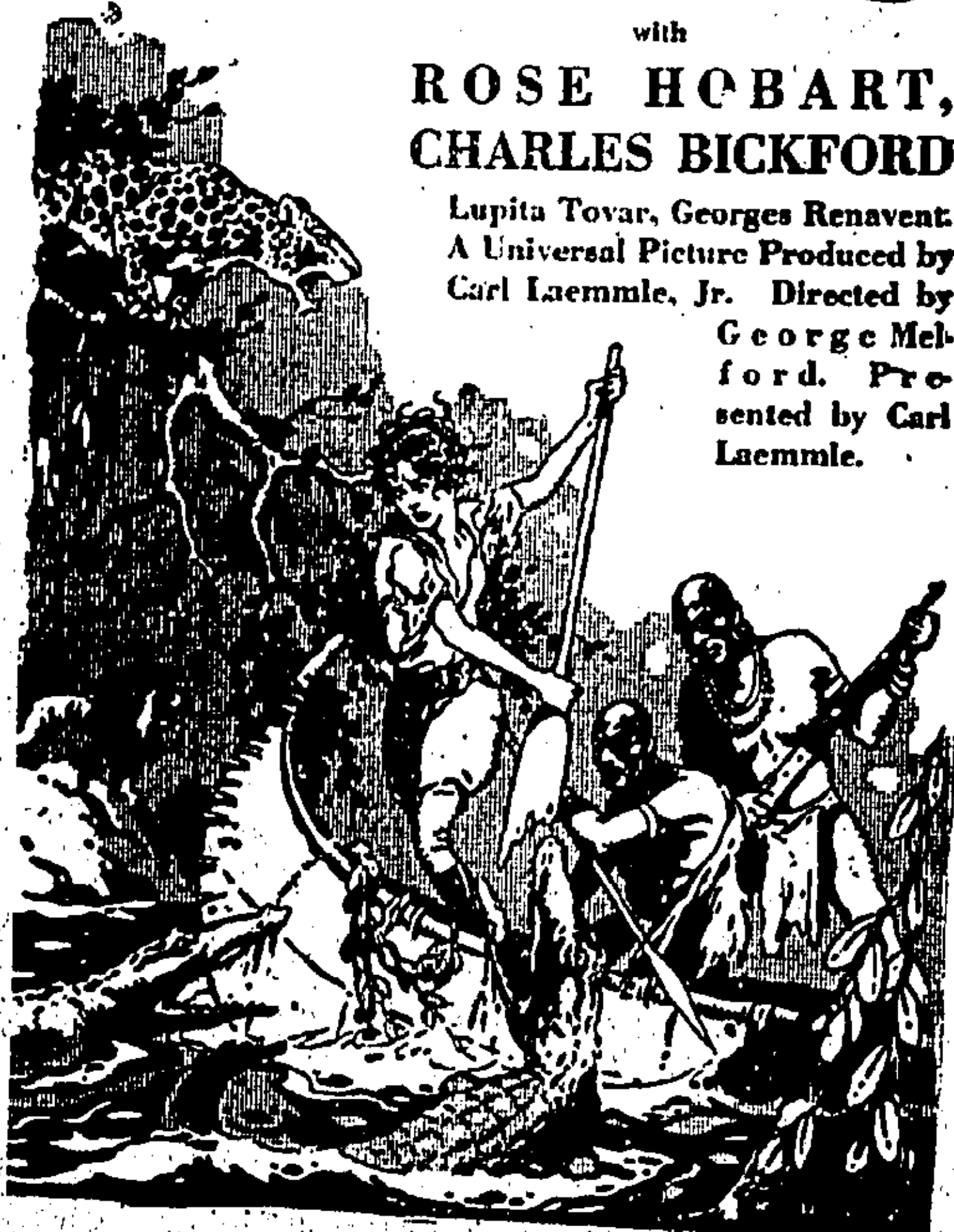
The fury of Nature loosed upon two lovers . . . all the  
power of savage man . . . lurking beast . . . hungry  
reptile . . . deceitful jungle . . . cruel swamp!

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hut and gorgeous palace . . . hand to claw fights between  
unarmed men and ravenous leopards . . . a native flung to  
the bloodily-yawning crocodiles . . . Things you've never  
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in the picture that packs a thrill in every one of its daring  
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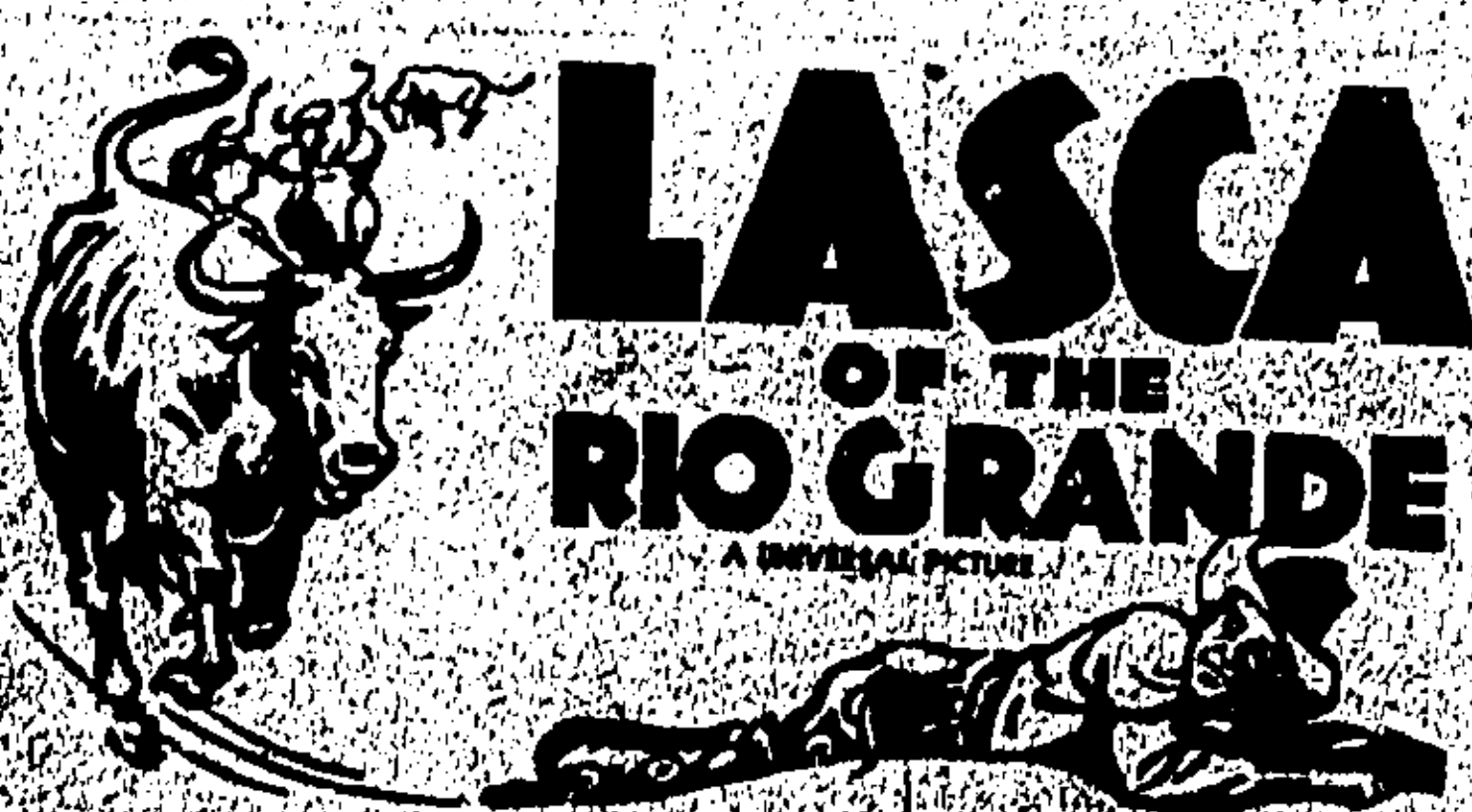
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### STATE WINS THE FIRST PRIZE!

Shock for Spanish  
Gamblers.

AN UNSOLD TICKET.

Madrid, Dec. 22.  
To-day's topic throughout Spain  
has been the luck of the Spanish  
Treasury, which drew the first  
prize of £375,000 in the Spanish  
Christmas lottery, the winning  
ticket, No. 24717, being among the  
few thousand unsold tickets. The  
Treasury also drew other prizes  
amounting to about £50,000 in all.  
The gamblers are much disgruntled  
over the Treasury's luck, but the  
Minister of Finance, Senor  
Carnar, says that the State wel-  
comes this windfall very warmly,  
especially in the present circum-  
stances.

The present case of the big  
Christmas prize going to the  
Spanish Treasury is unique in the  
history of the lottery.

Politicians say the Republic has  
had better luck still in the fact that  
stock values are steadily rising on  
the Government's declaration that  
it will not pass any more social  
laws until the Budget has been  
balanced.

The amount of money "in-  
vested" in this year's Christ-  
mas lottery was much be-  
low the figure in recent years  
owing to the stagnation of trade.  
Formerly all the Christmas lottery  
tickets issued were sold out many  
days before the draw, whereas this  
year some 8,000 tickets were un-  
sold.

Ex-King's Lost Chance.

The second prize was won by a  
number of players of the Seville  
Football Club. The fourth prize of  
£25,000 went to Tenerife (Canary  
Islands), the fifth prize of £18,750  
to a private citizen of Madrid.

The draw took place at the  
Spanish Mint, which was besieged  
by tens of thousands of people all  
anxious to hear the results. Some  
of the ticket-holders took up their  
positions in the queue ten days ago.

The luck of the Spanish Treasury  
in the first lottery held under the  
Republic is more remarkable from  
the fact that had the money been  
drawn under the monarchy the  
prize-money would have gone to the  
King. During ex-King Alfonso's  
reign he used to be entitled to hold  
the first and last tickets issued in  
every lottery throughout the year,  
but he never drew any important  
prize. The Christmas lottery was  
first instituted in 1815.

Britishwoman's Luck.

The windfall for the State in the  
Spanish lottery is explained by the  
fact that all tickets, sold or unsold,  
go into the draw.

A British woman residing on  
the Rio Tinto Company's copper  
estate in Andalusia is reported to  
have won £10,000. She held a  
twentieth share of ticket No.  
21,566, which won the second prize.  
Tickets in the lottery cost £50  
each, but may be bought in  
twentieth fractions. These in turn  
are often shared by thousands of  
eager subscribers whose contribu-  
tions range down to the smallest  
sums.

### BOAT TRAIN TRAGEDY.

Man Shot Dead With  
Novel Weapons.

A well-dressed man of 27 was  
found shot dead in a corridor  
compartment of the Channel  
Islands boat train when it ar-  
rived at Yeovil from Weymouth.  
There was a wound in the head  
and near the body was a gun  
which had been fired electrically.  
It consisted of a brass tube, one  
end of which had been fired by an  
electric spark.

Papers on the body lead the  
authorities to suppose that the  
man's name was Frank W.  
Bentron and that he came from  
Jersey. A note in the possession  
of the police may throw some  
light on the tragedy.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

The weather report issued  
by the Royal Observatory this  
morning states:—The anti-  
cyclone is central to the S.W.  
of Peking, and nearly  
stationary.  
Forecast:—N.E. winds, mo-  
derate; fine to cloudy.

THE SILENT PARROT.

Judge's Test In  
Court.

Judge Herbert Smith ordered a  
green parrot to be brought into  
Yarmouth County Court in order to  
test its ability to sing whistle and  
talk. It had been bought for £5  
because it was said to possess all  
three accomplishments.

In court however it sat in front  
of the judge and did not utter a  
sound.

His honour asked the vendor to  
make the bird talk but he declined  
to do so. He was invited to make  
it whistle but he refused to make  
any attempt saying he would not  
have the bird back for £500.

The buyer said that the bird had  
been dumb ever since he had it.  
The seller told him it would even  
speak Portuguese.

Fifty shillings deposit was paid  
on the parrot and the judge told the  
buyer he would permit him to coun-  
ter-claim this amount. He gave  
judgment for him with costs, and  
also judgment on a claim against  
him for the second instalment of the  
purchase price.

The judge warned the seller not  
to try any more tricks of this kind  
again, and ordered him to take the  
bird away.

He refused to do this, and the  
judge told him that if he did not  
make up his mind in two minutes he  
would dispose of the parrot.

The dealer reluctantly took the  
bird.

One of the most depressing sights  
is to see umpires going out to in-  
spect the wicket and one of the most  
impressive to see a team of football-  
ers just as keen to play as the  
spectators are to watch. Our won-  
derful Summer climate did more to  
impress the necessity for extending  
the football season than increasing  
interest in cricket.—C. E. Sutcliffe.

### TIME FROM LIGHT.

Clocks Plugged to Any  
Electric Socket.

ACCURACY IN RUNNING.

The development of the elec-  
tricity grid scheme, now nearing  
completion, in Britain has  
brought with it a secondary ad-  
vantage which may become a big  
factor in domestic and business  
circles — namely, the dissemina-  
tion of correct time.

Clocks are now on the market  
which can be plugged into any  
convenient electric socket and  
will run indefinitely and give  
Greenwich time to within a few  
seconds a month — an accuracy  
only obtainable with the highest  
class mechanical clocks. They  
require no winding or attention,  
they will work in any position,  
and are independent of tempera-  
ture and climatic conditions.

They will run 5,000 hours or  
more for the cost of one unit of  
electricity, and are cheap to buy.  
Their time-keeping is controlled  
by the frequency or number of  
times per second which the cur-  
rent reverses its direction.

Before the coming of the grid,  
each electrical generating sta-  
tion supplied its own locality,  
and the exact frequency did not  
matter. A station supposed to  
be delivering current with a  
periodicity of 50 could generate  
at 49 or 51 without causing trou-  
ble. Such a supply was, how-  
ever, useless for the control of  
clocks, because a deviation of  
one cycle per second from stand-  
ard caused a gain or loss of over  
one minute an hour — an error  
which could not be tolerated.

Same Frequency.

To-day, however, matters are  
different. All stations are linked  
by the grid, and for technical  
reasons it is essential that they  
all have exactly the same fre-  
quency. The standard in Britain  
is 50 cycles per second, and in-  
struments have been devised to  
maintain it correct within 1-500  
of 1 per cent, and this ac-  
curacy is reflected in all clocks  
connected to the mains.

The synchronous clocks, as  
they are called, are simple in  
construction, and a number of  
firms in Britain are working hard  
to cope with the demand for them.

COW ATTACKED BY VULTURES.

At the farm Kaalfontein in  
the Krugersdorp magisterial dis-  
trict, an unusual incident oc-  
curred resulting in a cow having  
to be destroyed by the owner. Two  
large vultures swooped down on  
the cow which was lying on the  
veld within sight of the farm-  
house. The animal was in a  
weak state and had a calf stand-  
ing near by. The vultures at-  
tacked the cow and so badly in-  
jured it that it had to be shot  
soon afterwards, says Reuter.  
It is only on very rare occasions  
that vultures have been known  
to attack live animals.

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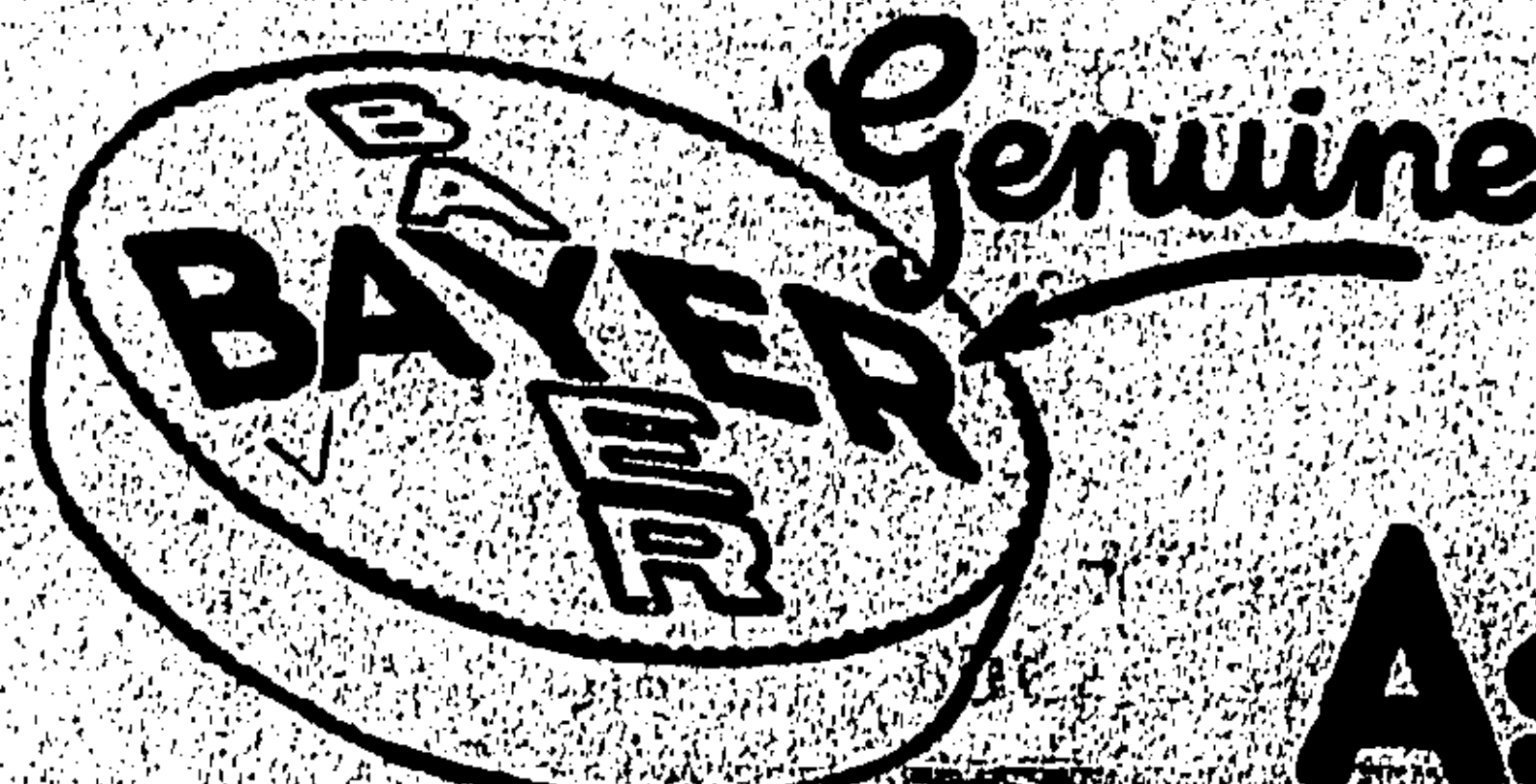
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